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City tries to give cinema new lease on life

The council will vote on a three-month lease on the Cerrito Theatre on Feb. 4

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The city bought itself some time Tuesday to pursue its dream of reopening the long-dormant movie house. The City Council voted Tuesday in favor of a \$30,000 short-term lease agreement with the owner of the former Cerrito movie

theater, giving the city and the owners of Speakeasy Theaters time to decide how to go about restoring the historic venue.

The three-month lease will give the city time to develop a plan of action, said community development director Jill Keimach. Cost estimates and a five-year plan are scheduled to be completed in March, with use-permit approvals expected by April.

"The most important thing right now is, we need time, the

staff needs time to find the details of financing and design and to see if the project is possible for El Cerrito," said Councilwoman Letitia Moore.

Acting as the Redevelopment Agency, the council voted 5-0 to place a resolution on its Feb. 4 agenda.

If the lease is approved, the city would then negotiate and prepare an Owner Participation Agreement (OPA) that would contain terms for consideration by the agency board. The OPA

would outline responsibilities of Fara Pakzad as the owner of the property, potential tenants Kyle and Catherine Fischer (the owners of Speakeasy Theaters), and the redevelopment agency.

After considering several avenues for helping the theater operators restore the Cerrito, the redevelopment agency settled on considering a 10-year loan rather than a grant, which would keep the recently reactivated redevelopment agency on track financially so it can pursue other projects.

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The Cerrito, built in 1937, was used as a furniture warehouse for the past 30 years. The city became interested in reviving the theater after the El Cerrito Historical Society raised concerns that a building remodel would destroy the theater's historical significance. Preserved in the

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'Deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday'

— Julius Van Hook, El Cerrito High School student and a guest speaker at Monday's rally



STEVE MASLANKA/STAFF

MONDAY'S LIGHT RAIN didn't keep hundreds of marchers from joining El Cerrito's Martin Luther King Day parade and celebration.

Hundreds join to share the dream

El Cerrito's annual celebration honoring Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was marked by enthusiasm and inspiration

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — Hundreds of people celebrated the birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. Monday at the city's 13th annual parade and rally.

"Maybe the most important part of this ceremony is the ability to pass the torch to a younger generation," said 7th District U.S. Rep. George Miller during a speech at the rally, which packed hundreds of applauding residents of the El Cerrito Community Center. "This is a struggle for economic and racial justice that goes on everyday."

Artwork and essays by elementary and middle school students were hung on the walls of center, as well as pictures of famous black men and women. The dancing and cheerleading routines, singing, prayer

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KYLE BRATTON, 11, in red, talks to Rich Chivers (Uncle Sam) and Fred Jackson of the Richmond Museum and Red Oak Victory at the Martin Luther King Day Parade through El Cerrito Monday. Also pictured is Michal Griffin, 12, far right, friend of Bratton.

Preservationists contend proposal endangers a creek with no name

By Alan Lopez

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — A group of creek advocates is criticizing a development it says will damage a small creek and wreak environmental havoc in an area in the hills near Potrero Avenue.

The unnamed creek flows through an open-space area, located about one mile northeast of San Pablo Avenue. Creek advocates are concerned about the Bay Vista subdivision, a 14-home development on 7.7 acres of open space proposed by Security

Owners Corporation in Martinez.

Creek advocates say Security Owners Corporation has proposed filling in 290 feet of natural stream channel out of 450 feet of creek on the site and remove 190 trees and the "majority of vegetation."

The development would ruin the creek and destroy rare natural habitat, said Lisa Viani, a member of Friends of Five Creeks and a conservation and outreach coordinator for the Urban Creeks Council, a local non-profit organization devoted to

preservation of urban streams.

"These activities will cause major and unacceptable impacts to the creek," wrote creek advocate Maryann Aberg in an e-mail. "Destruction of the riparian re-

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University Village developer sought

■ UC Berkeley's plans include residential and commercial space

By Clare Curley

STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — UC Berkeley has launched a search for a developer to transform the University Village and Gill Tract area into a mixed-use community for graduate students and faculty members.

The complex would consist of several hundred residential units and other amenities, such as a community center and some retail spaces.

Plans also include relocating two baseball fields that have been used for years by Little League groups and other local sports groups to the Gill Tract area on Buchanan Street.

"We're starting the planning process for a community center

and Little League fields," said Jeff Bond, who is overseeing the project in the university's planning department.

The 26-acre site, which has an estimated value of \$100 million, sits between Codornices Creek and Buchanan, with Jackson Street on the western edge and San Pablo Avenue to the east.

The university plans to raze 152 low-grade apartments built during World War II and replace them with new units, said Bond.

The project fits into a master plan the UC Regents approved four years ago. The plan was amended to change the land-use portion from "academic reserve" to a mixed-use housing community.

"Right now students and faculty have problems finding housing," said Bond. "That's really (what) we're trying to address."

Though the plan is still rough,

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Albany sifts through spending priorities

■ A long list of capital improvement projects is competing for funding

By Tom Lochner

STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Facing millions of dollars of capital improvements with uncertain funding, and wishing to keep city staff and users of city services happy, the City Council brainstormed Jan. 14 on what might be accomplished over the next 12 months.

With consultant Suzanne Goltz moderating, council members took turns identifying their pet priorities in pursuit of four goals the council had agreed on in June. Department managers met again later in the week to tweak the list.

At last week's session the council breezed through the first goal — to attract and maintain professional staff — by agreeing to wait for the results of a staff survey expected to be completed in February.

"We're trying to improve their condition," Councilman Allan Maris said. "I think we need to hear more from them."

For Goal Two — to improve

customer service — Councilman Mario DiPrisco recommended the council set a limit of two meetings to come to a decision on changes to the Municipal Code or Planning and Zoning ordinances.

Councilman John Ely proposed speeding up the city's permitting process; Maris, a suggestion box to provide feedback to the council and the city administrator; Councilwoman Jewel Okawachi, staff meetings on customer service; Mayor Peggy Thomsen, a beefed-up city Web site; and DiPrisco, expanded programming on the city's cable channel.

DiPrisco also wanted to bring more interns and volunteers to City Hall.

The third goal — to improve city facilities and infrastructure — produced the richest variety of suggestions.

City officials had previously compiled a list of capital improvement projects totaling about \$35 million that are needed according to varying degrees of priority. Those are, in descending order, projects that are legally mandated; those that could ex-

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WORTH CHECKING OUT

Teaching excellence

The West County Ed. Fund is accepting nominations for the 2002 Teaching Excellence Awards. Any full-time teacher, librarian, or counselor in the West Contra Costa Unified School District who has worked for at least the past three years is eligible. Call 233-1464 for more information.

Preschool stories

The Albany Library presents "Saturday Morning Stories and More" for ages 3-6. The free series runs every Saturday at 11 a.m., Jan. 19 through March 16. For more information, call the children's desk: 526-3720.

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Spaghetti for soccer

The Friends of El Cerrito High Girls Soccer will host a spaghetti dinner Jan. 26 at the Kensington Community Center. There will be two seatings, 5-7 p.m. and 7:30-9 p.m. Local chef Jamal Jawad will prepare homemade meat and vegetable sauces. Salad, bread and dessert will also be on the

menu. Tickets are \$11 or four for \$40. Tickets can be purchased by calling Judy Mellot at 510-235-4432 or go on-line at jmell13@aol.com. The goal is to improve the women's soccer program at El Cerrito High. Profits will go towards new uniforms and equipment bags, the end-of-the-season banquet and coach's support.

Albany Chamber mixer

Bring a big appetite and your business card to the next Albany Chamber of Commerce Mixer, Thursday, Feb. 7, at Café Eclectica, 1309 Solano Ave., from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. For more information: 510-525-1771.

Get crabby

The Albany Lions Club will hold its annual crab feed Jan. 25 at the Veterans Memorial Building, 1331 Portola Ave. in Albany. No-host cocktails are available beginning at 5:30 p.m., and dinner is from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$25 per person. The Lions promise mountains of crab, scores of door prizes and more. Call 510-527-4640, or 510-223-9153. No tickets will be at the door without advance booking.

Hancock in Albany

Loni Hancock, a candidate for the Democratic nomination of the 14th Assembly District seat, will meet the public at an appearance at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 28, at the Albany Se-

nior Center, 846 Masonic Ave. in Albany. The primary election is in March. Allan Maris, Jewel Okawachi and Thelma Rubin are sponsoring the event. Light refreshments will be served.

ECHS band at Yoshi's

The El Cerrito High School Jazz Ensemble and Jazz Band and the Portola Middle School Jazz Band will be performing on Monday, Feb. 11 at Yoshi's, 510 Embarcadero West in Oakland, with shows at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. The 8 p.m. show will include both the Portola Jazz band and the two El Cerrito High jazz bands. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased by calling through Yoshi's Web site at www.yoshis.com. Details: 510-238-9200.

Ballot propositions discussed

The Richmond Chapter of the League of Women Voters will host a discussion of the propositions on the ballot. Tuesday, Feb. 19, 2002, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the third-floor conference room of the Summerville Retirement Residence (formerly called El Cerrito Royale), 6510 Gladys Ave. at the corner of Lexington, El Cerrito. All are welcome. Questions: Joan Bartulovich 510-232-1136.

Collins outlines chamber goals for 2002

"It is my fervent hope that 2002 will be 'The Year of Business' in El Cerrito," Marge Collins said as she began her second consecutive term as Chamber.

The Chamber's mission for this year, she said in her address at the business group's recent installation luncheon, will be to promote the city's present businesses and to assist the integration of new, related or compatible firms into our community.

She pointed out that doing this, would in turn make it possible for the business needs of El Cerrito to be met locally, thus making it unnecessary for our residents to purchase things elsewhere.

"Talks of recession affects us all," she said, "but, if we meet our economic development goals, it follows that — when every business is represented locally — these new firms will add a necessary quality to our wonderful city, that business will flourish, that sales tax and tax increment money will increase and insure viable city services for our citizens."

To achieve these goals, Collins pledged the Chamber would work diligently in cooperation with the City Council, the city staff and El Cerrito's boards and commissions to see to it these new firms enjoy a pleasant and friendly entry into the business community here.

"We will work with the city to encourage a speedier permitting process and, when called on, advise the council on development matters and provide any other assistance to facilitate economic growth," she said.

While the threat of terrorism in this country is expected to lessen, Collins pointed out we will "still be in the shadow of 9/11." It's being predicted that business will have to make its own way community by individual community.

"It can be done here. Please join with me. We owe it to the residents of this wonderful city," Collins concluded.

Ad deadline near

Local businesses have just one week left to make arrangements to be included in the

SEWALL GLINTERNICK
El Cerrito Chamber

ments to advertise in the El Cerrito Chamber's special City-Wide Spring Round-Up Sale Days publication.

Deadlines for placing ads is Feb. 1, with publication slated for March 1. Participation in the March Round-Up promotion is open to all area businesses — whether or not they are members of the Chamber.

For this event local merchants are being offered the opportunity to purchase full color ads at extremely reasonable rates and having their message delivered to 35,000 homes by direct mail.

Part of each dollar spent on advertising will be rebated to the Chamber to help fund the organization's business promotion activities throughout the year.

Anyone wishing more information or assistance in placing an ad in the Round-Up publication is asked to call the Chamber office at 510-233-7040.

14 more reinvest

By close of business on Jan. 17, some 14 more business firms, individuals and organizations had reinvested in the Chamber.

Among the latest to extend their membership in the organization for another year were:

City Councilwoman Kathleen Perka, the Hacienda Restaurant, The Mechanics Bank, the Marketplace Magazine, Mira Vista Tire and Brake, Rheem Pharmacy, Contra Costa County Public Affairs, Mayor Janet Abelson, Contra Costa County Waste Management, Darla's Baby Boutique, Best Inn, Black, Brown, Lanier and Jackson, Tony and Anna Mascaro, and the Workforce Development Board.

Chamber honors pair

Two long-time members were honored recently for their outstanding service to the Chamber.

Certificates of Appreciation were issued to Harry Kiefer,

owner of the recently-closed Kiefer Furniture Co., and John Olivero, of Olivero Plumbing.

The certificates expressed the appreciation of the organization and its membership to both men for their "dedicated support of the Chamber" and for "their many years of serving on its Board of Directors."

Barbara is back in town

Barbara Cronin, who has worked in the El Cerrito area on and off since she was 13 years old, is back in town again — this time as vice president and manager of the local branch of The Mechanics Bank.

Her family owned Maxwell Office Products here and that's where she started her business career, working there until she was 21 years old. She started working for the Mechanics Bank on Feb. 14, 1972, and by next month will have been with them for 30 years.

This is the third time Cronin has worked for the bank in El Cerrito. The first was in the early '80s as a supervisor in training. The second, from the late '80s through 1997 as the supervisor at the El Cerrito office, following which she served as Financial Service Manager at the bank's El Cerrito Plaza branch, until it closed in February of 1999.

After that, Cronin was transferred to Mechanics' Kensington office, where she served as manager and assistant vice president. Recently the bank brought Cronin back down the hill to good old El Cerrito, where she has strong community ties.

Cronin has been a member of the El Cerrito Rotary Club since 1992, serving as a member of the Board of Directors and past president of the same organization her father once belonged to.

"Moving me back to my 'home' was the greatest Christmas present that the bank could have ever given me," she said. "I love the people here and am looking forward to building a long lasting relationship with the community — again."

—By K. Osborn
CORRESPONDENT

POLICE REPORTS

Vallejo church amplifier recovered

STAFF REPORT

EL CERRITO — On Jan. 3 at about 4 p.m. officers responded to Cal-Fed Bank at 280 El Cerrito Plaza on the report of someone attempting to withdraw money from an account using a false ID. The suspect, a 33-year-old Sacramento woman, was arrested after attempting to flee and booked into the County jail. Additional items of stolen property were located in her possession at the time of her arrest.

■ On Jan. 4 at about 8:17 a.m. a 45-year-old woman described as "suspicious" was contacted by an officer while she was walking in the area of Cutting Boulevard and Peerless Avenue. During the contact the officer concluded that the woman was under the influence of a controlled substance and during a search was found to be in possession of base cocaine and a glass pipe.

■ On Jan. 7 just before 4 p.m., an officer responded to The Mechanics Bank branch at 9996 San Pablo Ave. on the report of someone using a false identification to cash a counterfeit check. The suspect, a 29-year-old woman, attempted to run from the bank and was arrested after a short foot chase across the street from the bank.

■ On Friday Jan. 11, 2002 at

about 2:30 p.m., officers responded to the Guitar Center on the report of a subject attempting to pawn a stolen amplifier.

Responding officers detained a 33-year-old Vallejo man and then arrested when it was subsequently determined that the amplifier had been stolen from a church in Vacaville. The suspect, was on parole, who was also determined to be in possession of methamphetamine and.

■ On Jan. 11 at about 10:30 p.m. two subjects, one armed with a handgun, attempted to rob a resident in the 7300 block of Lynn Avenue.

■ On Jan. 12 just before 9 p.m. two subjects confronted a resident walking on Arlington Boulevard at Potrero Avenue. The victim was pushed to the ground and had his wallet stolen.

■ On Jan. 16 around 1 p.m. someone confronted a customer seated in his vehicle in front of Nation's Hamburgers at 6060 Central Ave. and demanded his money at gunpoint.

■ On Jan. 11 between 4 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. someone removed two wheels from a vehicle parked on San Mateo Avenue at El Dorado.

■ On Jan. 11 between 7 p.m. and 11 p.m. someone smashed out the front window of resi-

dence in the 2200 block of Vista Drive, entered the residence and removed property.

■ On Jan. 16 between 12:30 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. someone open the rear door of a home in the 1300 block of Richmond Street and ransacked the residence. The extent of the damage unknown.

■ On Jan. 14 between 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. someone smashed out a window of a vehicle parked at 11545 San Pablo Ave. and removed a CD player and CDs and the victim's wallet.

■ On Jan. 12 an '87 Toyota van stolen out of Richmond recovered at Barrett McLaughlin avenues.

■ On Jan. 12 between 12:30 a.m. and 7 a.m. an '86 Honda Bronco was stolen from the driveway of a home in the 500 block of Lexington Avenue.

■ On Jan. 12 at 1:16 a.m. El Cerrito officer making a traffic stop near the Denny's restaurant arrested two suspects who turned out to be driving a Toyota Camry.

■ On Jan. 13 between 2 p.m. and 9:30 a.m. a '91 Toyota Civic was stolen from the 1000 block of Terry Street.

■ On Jan. 13 a '95 Honda Civic stolen out of Berkeley recovered on Manila Avenue.

Thieves swap one Saturn for another

By K. Osborn
CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — A few minutes after midnight on Jan. 15 Richmond police reported locating a tan '86 Toyota pickup stolen from Albany. The vehicle was not damaged and the owner notified. The owner was not in custody. The owner was notified.

■ At about 2:30 a.m. on Jan. 15 Albany officers investigated a red '88 Chevrolet van parked near San Pablo Avenue and Garfield Street because the occupant was sleeping. The 42-year-old Berkeley man was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested for disorderly conduct, cited and held to be released when sober.

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■ On the morning of Jan. 16 a resident on the 800 block of Jackson Street reported that thieves had broken into his gold '88 Honda Civic and stole items. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of Jan. 16 a resident on the 1500 block of Marin Avenue reported that during the night thieves had stolen his maroon '92 Saturn from in front of his home. While investigating the incident, officers located.

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In today's wars we like to let others do the fighting

U.S. LOSES FIRST GI

to enemy fire" was the headline of a story about the fighting in Afghanistan. And at the time we had been in the war three months I found this astounding knowing the high losses we suffered in Vietnam, Korea and both World Wars. The fact that several other Americans died in accidents, prison riots, and from "friendly fire" did not reduce my wonder at how wars have changed. So far, anyway.

My sense of uneasiness — or having lived beyond times I can comprehend — has been further increased by statements from top military leaders to the effect that their "first priority" was to minimize casualties. The term includes both killed and wounded.)

First priority? How can this be true for any branch of the armed services? It was my argue understanding that the top priority of the military was to win the war or achieve whatever goals short of that acceptable to the civilian government.

If it were truly the primary concern of the services to avoid casualties, they should not put any of their people in "harm's way," as they now term a war zone. Or perhaps the brass figures the troops will be safer in Afghanistan than in the "home-and-around tall buildings, bridges, or major airports.

And yet nobody seems surprised by these bizarre utterances from top military leaders. Perhaps it is because this is a war fought largely by proxies a Godforsaken little country most Americans still couldn't put on the map.

I'm sure that if a football coach announced that his first priority was to avoid injuries, the reaction would be far different. Americans understand sports a lot better than they do war.

Undoubtedly our conflicts in Kosovo and the Gulf War prepared us for the proposition that we can fight wars and pay very little in blood. Bill Clinton's fear of the political repercussions of American casualties led him to rely on the high-level bombing of Serbs who were not directly involved in rape and slaughter in Kosovo.

So we killed many of the young Serbs and destroyed much of the country's infrastructure while incurring few American casualties. With American surrogates doing the killing, Kosovo was eventually settled.

The Gulf War was another early bloodless triumph of our military genius, well-trained mentors, and technology. However, we pushed on to Saddam, and had the Iraqis step up anything like the resistance the Russians did at Stalingrad in World War II, our planes would have risen rapidly. As the Germans found planes and tanks are not effective in house-to-house combat, George Bush certainly

took this into account when he called it a war after 100 days.

Many doubted that we could pull off anything like the Gulf War in the quagmire of Afghanistan. Nevertheless, with even smarter technology, good leadership and near total reliance on Afghan "fighters," it looks as though we have.

But we have also found there are drawbacks in not having our own troops in control of the situation and being forced to rely on allies who are less efficient and may have their own agendas. Our leadership apparently believes these disadvantages are outweighed by greatly limiting American casualties.

Does this mean there has been a paradigm shift in warfare in the last decade? Have we found the formula for achieving our national goals in wars in which we barely used? If so, we have achieved a goal which has eluded the greatest military commanders throughout history.

However, it is not encouraging to recall that in decline Rome came to rely almost entirely on what it called barbarians both to fill the ranks of its legions and to fight as allies or federates. Let us hope this new way of fighting wars which costs us much treasure but little blood continues to work. For even as the dust settles in Afghanistan, our leaders are pondering their next move much as Winston Churchill did in World War II before pointing his cigar at the map and saying, "We shall go here."

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ELMO ROCKS ON: Ruth Leif pushes a button on Rockin' Elmo's guitar and out comes a snappy tune. Elmo's mechanical arm strums away over his stringless guitar, but the recorded music in his fury chest could set little feet a-tap-

"He knows several other tunes," said Ruth, setting the popular Sesame Street character back with his studded dices, Donald Duck and Pluto. None of them seemed concerned that Ruth is retiring and that Play It Again Toys at 1170 Solano Ave. is up for sale.

According to Ruth, several people are interested in acquiring the business and stewardship of the many toys and children's books she has somehow managed to cram into the small showroom and storage area.

Ruth says she would "keep on keeping on" with the store but she and her husband, Fred, had a long-range plan to retire when they were both 55. "We wanted to have a good 10 years to do things together while we could still enjoy them," she said. Fred is retiring from the San Francisco office of the federal Environmental Protection Agency next month. Ruth has run the toy store for nine years and will be the door by March 31.

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DAVE GREER
Man About Town

retirement sale. "The word has spread fast," she said. "Many teachers are coming in and really stocking up." Most of the toys and books in the store are on consignment with the owners getting 60 percent of the sale price. The advantage of this system is that no money is tied up in inventory; the disadvantage is the large amount of record-keeping involved.

One antiques dealer who runs across many fine toys has placed 1,000 listed items and more miscellaneous ones, which are sold in lots, with the store. Another has brought in 527 listed items. Ruth only takes in new toys, some in the original packaging, or those which she terms "gently used." She likes to think the people who buy them are "adopting childhood treasures."

These treasures range from inexpensive plastic toys to collectibles including Barbie and Ken dolls, Beanie Babies, Fisher Price and other classic wooden toys, and Chevron and Hot Wheels cars. (I acquired a vintage 1940 Ford two-door there for my Hot Wheels collection.) These and some other items often sell through the store's Web site, which helped pull the business through the hard times when lower Solano Avenue was under reconstruction.

Recognizing and pricing collectibles takes some expertise. Ruth had experience doing this as an owner of Toy Go Round, another consignment toy store on the avenue. "Mostly you just learn as you go along," she said. Actually, Ruth has been learning since her sons, Erick and Frank, were children and she was involved in two Berkeley nursery school programs.

A graduate of UC Davis with a degree in nutrition and dietetics, Ruth worked in this field for some years and later held various positions in sales. She is well-known in the local business community as a past president of the Solano Avenue Association and member of the Albany Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to her usual paperwork, Ruth has already sent out 670 letters to people who have placed toys with her on consignment and may want them back. Many have suggested the toys be donated to charity.

"This has been a good business for me and for the community," Ruth said. "I have had great support from my customers, and I love helping the children. It would be sad if the store did not stay here." But the odds are good that somebody will take over Ruth Leif's job of finding homes for Rockin' Elmo and all the other childhood treasures at Play It Again Toys.

Light pollution makes it hard to see stars

■ Astronomers' job made more difficult by the increasingly bright night skies

By Martin Snapp
CORRESPONDENT

Only a few years ago, you could stand on your front porch anywhere in Albany or El Cerrito and see more stars in the sky than you could possibly count. Nowadays you're lucky if you can make out the Big Dipper, even in Kensington.

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"The problem goes beyond the aesthetic," she told The Journal earlier this week. "The glare caused by light pollution can make it unsafe to drive at night, especially in the fog. And for astronomers, it's a crisis. It's getting harder and harder for them to see anything through their telescopes."

That's why Chabot joined with the IESNA to co-sponsor last week's lecture. Clanton flew here for the occasion from her home base in Tucson, Ariz., an indication of how seriously she and her organization view the problem. She says one of the worst culprits is the common street lamp.

"We are overlighting, and we aren't using the light efficiently," she said. "Older lighting fixtures, including street lamps, diffuse the light in all directions. It goes up into the sky, or sideways into your neighbor's windows — not where it's supposed to go."

"If we shielded our lights to put it only where we need it, we could have the best of both worlds: more illumination and less pollution. And there's a fabulous side effect: We wouldn't have to use as many watts because we'd be using them more efficiently, which means we could all save a ton of money on energy costs."

Her comments were echoed by



NANCY CLANTON is a director of the Illuminating Engineering Society of North America.

Larry Ayres, a member of the IESNA's Golden Gate Chapter, who said the same precepts hold true for outdoor lighting in private residences. And he offered these tips to individuals who want to be part of the solution:

1. Turn off lights when you don't need them.

2. If your main concern is security, put a photo cell switch on your outdoor lights so they only turn on at night, and/or a motion detector so they only turn on when something moves.

3. Should you switch to low-pressure sodium bulbs? "There's an upside and a downside," says Ayres. "The upside is that low-pressure sodium light is monochromatic, so astronomers can digitally filter it out of their photos. The downside is that, being monochromatic, it's hard to see other colors besides black, white and gray. So it's not for everyone. Consider fluorescent bulbs instead. They eat up more energy than low-pressure sodium, but not as much as standard incandescent bulbs."

4. Most important, replace your old outdoor light fixtures with new ones that shield the light and send it only where you want it to go. But be prepared to pay a little more up front.

"I've seen an outdoor light for sale at local hardware stores for about \$30 to \$35," says Ayres. "It looks good at first; it has a photo cell and a lens that purportedly shields the light. But it has a very inefficient light source: mercury. And the lens doesn't do a very good job; it throws most of the light out to the side, where it creates more glare. If you want a fixture that will really do the job, you'll have to spend more like \$100."

"But that \$35 globe will cost you more than \$100 in electricity in just the first year, while the \$100 globe will give you the same amount of light for just \$35 a year. Which would you rather have? For me, it's a no-brainer."

Light pollution from street lamps became a local political issue three years ago, when Oakland residents successfully opposed attempts to install more street lights in the hills. But Oakland City Councilman Dick Spees, who led the opposition, says street lamps aren't the only culprits.

"Looking at Oakland from outer space, we're one of the most light polluting areas in the world," he says. "And one of the worst offenders is the Port of Oakland. If you look at the Port from the hills, you see a tremendous amount of light over there. I know they need to operate their container business 24 hours a day. And I'm not saying, 'No light, period.' I just want them to direct it towards where it ought to go."

In addition, Clanton says a lot of overlighting happens at businesses, who claim they're doing it for security reasons. "There comes a point when you have to ask, 'Is this security lighting? Or is it really marketing lighting?'" she says. "Too many businesses use their lighting like an advertising sign, to show they're the brightest light on the block."

Thursday's talk was the latest in the Chabot Observatory's series of monthly science lectures for the public, which take place the third Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. Upcoming lectures include:

Feb. 21: Popular science lecturer Louis Epstein on "Reality Visualized" — explaining Einstein's theory of relativity in a way even non-scientists can understand.

March 21: Cal Professor Gabor Basri on the "What Is A Planet?" — a controversial topic in science ever since the Hayden Planetarium in New York decreed that Pluto is not a planet.

April 18: Lawrence Berkeley Lab's Gene Smoot on "The Harmony of the Universe." It turns out the medieval scholars were right, after all: There really is a "music of the spheres."

May 15: The lecture series ends with a bang, not a whimper, as Berkeley cosmologist Ken Cosmopolitan predicts how the world will end in his lecture, "Midnight of the Cosmos."

For more information or tickets call 510-336-7373.

Albany Education Foundation again awards mini-grants

The Albany Education Foundation has awarded \$14,512 in mini-grants to help 34 programs in the Albany Unified School District for the 2001-02 school year.

The mini-grants help support a variety of programs throughout the district. This year's proposals included requests for an eating disorder prevention project, band instruments, a tile mural, computer training, cooking classes and elementary school science and history presentations.

Grants are for a maximum amount of \$750 for direct classroom support, with funding for this year's projects ranging from \$100 to the full \$750.

Preference is given in the selection process to those programs that will serve the widest range of students and the widest range of projects for the money funded. This year 39 applications were received with a total request for

\$23,418. Thirty four grants were funded, 16 fully and 18 partially, for a total of \$14,512 in grants.

The AEF has also partially and fully funded 98 field trips and provided block grants of up to \$5,000 each.

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Slow down: road conditions demand it

APRIL SHOWERS bring May flowers, but the rainstorms of December brought January potholes to the roads of the Bay Area.

The condition of some East Bay roadways are more like washboards than pavement, and can present real steering problems for motorists and damage to their vehicles.

Some of the streets are in light traffic areas in residential neighborhoods, where drivers are able to slow down to steer around the dips and holes in the pavement. And the newer freeway interchanges and ramps probably were not affected by the recent storms.

However, the pavement in older areas becomes more cracked and crumbled with every passing car and truck, and potholes on heavily traveled freeway and highway on- and off-ramps can be dangerous when drivers are accelerating and braking.

State and municipal governments have roadway maintenance programs, but the economy has put the squeeze on those budgets and personnel. Winter weather is also not the opportune time to repair streets and highways. As fast as a road crew patches one pit, another pops open, creating a cavity that can swallow a wheel in a terrifying instant.

Eventually, drivers become familiar with problem areas, and they learn how to avoid the bone-jarring jolt of running through a pothole or over cracked pavement, and to prevent possible damage to their cars.

But the best ways for drivers to endure the potholes on our roads are to slow down and be alert. Most freeway speed limits in the Bay Area are 65 mph. But even traveling the speed limit — much less the 75-80 mph of some stressed-out racers — could present a real safety hazard until our county or state road crews can find the time, and money, to make the needed repairs.

BART riders lose out

LET'S MAKE one thing perfectly clear: BART fares are going to go up primarily because directors abandoned their role as representatives of the public interest and caved in to unreasonable union demands last year, approving pay raises twice what were reasonable.

True, the economy has slipped and sales tax revenues, the source of 60 percent of BART's operating money, is down; so is ridership. But these trends already had taken effect before BART directors approved a 23 percent pay hike along with increased benefits over four years.

Private businesses facing such a bleak economic picture never would have acceded to such outrageous union demands. The original BART offer of about 11 percent over four years was fair and reasonable given the economic forecasts for the California economy at the time.

Now BART officials are pointing to the weak economy as the villain responsible for the possible need to raise fares, when in fact the real reason for higher fares is the abdication of BART directors' responsibilities to act in the interest of the people who elected them.

Raising fares is hardly the way to attract new ridership, build confidence in BART or dispel fears that fares won't continue to rise again and again as labor costs soar far above those of private-sector workers with comparable or greater skills.

What makes the current BART contract even more regrettable is that BART fares cover only half of the operating costs in the best of times. The reason is not that fares are too low, but that costs are too high.

BART riders already pay among the highest transit fares in the nation for a system whose service falls far short of those in other major cities such as New York, Chicago, Boston and Washington, D.C.

BART Director Dan Richard of Walnut Creek says he will oppose fare increases and instead try to balance BART's budget with cost reductions. With such a generous labor contract, that will be difficult to do, particularly if the economy does not rebound quickly and ridership remains down.

Of course, today's BART problems could have been avoided last year if directors had not given in to pressure from Bay Area legislators to roll over for BART unions. There is no excuse, other than cowardice, for BART directors' approval of such a fiscally irresponsible labor contract.

Unfortunately, it is not directors who will have to pay the price of their error. That liability falls upon the thousands of Bay Area workers who rely on BART to get to and from their jobs.

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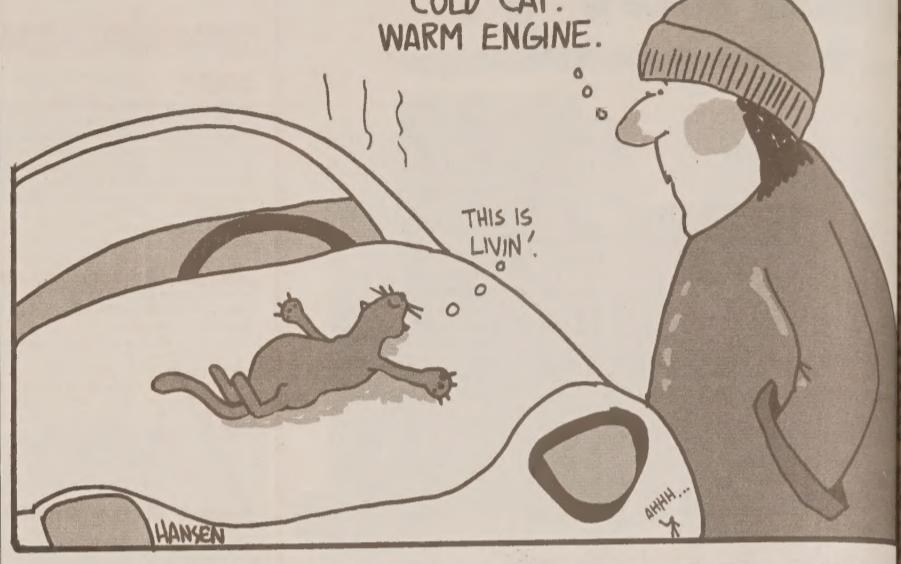
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Forgive debt

Despite his brief term as interim president of Argentina, Adolfo Rodriguez Saa, did the right thing: He put the needs of his people above the demands of multinational greed. May the Holy Spirit of the Universe continue to bless Argentina's leaders with wisdom and courage.

One great evil of "free" trade, the World Trade Organization and the International Monetary Fund is that the WTO, the IMF, etc., "lend" money, with horrific conditions, to desperately impoverished nations.

They require them to grow, for export, crops we would like instead of encouraging them to grow those crops that would sustain their people. They demand interest be paid on their loans before the impoverished nation spend money on health care, food, education, or roads.

Multinational corporations looking for highest profit and least responsibility engage employers who impose slavery on their workers and claim impunity because they don't control the labor standards. "Free" trade is the modern version of colonialism.

May every impoverished nation rise up against corporate greed in order to care for its people. May the free people of the world help them. Write your legislators and the president, asking them to forgive third-world debt.

Joan Bartulovich
El Cerrito

A questionable tale

I see that Wen Ho Lee is again presenting his questionable tale of race victimhood at this time. Newsweek recently estimated that Lee stands to make \$650,000 from a book and a movie deal.

Though Wen Ho Lee screams "racism," his conduct suggests that government suspicion was well placed. Then-FBI director Louis Freeh stated that Lee spent nearly 40 hours, over 70 different days, downloading nuclear weapons information.

Wen Ho Lee unlawfully downloaded and removed the rough equivalent of 400,000 pages of classified material. A little weekend reading? Unlikely.

If the Wen Ho Lee case must be reviewed, it should be with the post-9/11 understanding that enemies of America are not the rarity previously thought.

Brenda Walker
Berkeley

Preserve our 'green'

I read with interest John R. Hattam's history of Albany's Key Route Boulevard. As a resident of that street, I was glad to get that information.

As to his proposal for constructing a number of two-bedroom townhouses on a widened center strip of grass and trees that we now enjoy, I would say the fol-

lowing:

It's easy to understand that architects, developers, nearby merchants, tax-hungry governments, etc., might be enthusiastic in realizing such a project, as the flourishing of their interests could be involved.

But for us Key Route residents north of Solano Avenue, our center parkway is our recreation center, evidenced by the joggers' daily use, kids playing football, Frisbee and other games, golfers practicing putting, dog walkers, and the high-school students who eat lunch and hang out on its pleasant lawns.

Scorers might say, "That's just a 'not in my backyard' reaction." But a number of years ago, after a regional survey, it was determined that of all the communities that ring the Bay, Albany had the lowest percentage of open space. That factor has not changed appreciably.

In our attractive, peaceful, clean, but small city, such a precious, rare natural space of greenery is, in a sense, part of the "yard" for all of us, well worth preserving. As for the need for better upkeep that Hattam mentions, destroying the parkway entirely does not seem like the preferable solution. His design drawings, as shown in the paper, are quite professional and present a project that might be ideal for some community that would welcome it.

However, much-envied Albany does not need the consequences of more houses, more cars and more people upon its model municipal life that is so highly valued by its long-term residents.

And if you think there was trouble in the streets of Buenos Aires recently, or that the ground shook during the Loma Prieta earthquake, watch what happens if someone tries to stick that dagger into that precious part of our heartland!

Marty Rosman
Albany

Walker must pay

The Justice Department's decision to prosecute Marin County terrorist John Walker demonstrates America's resolve to defeat terrorism.

As a conspirator, Walker is guilty of all crimes of fellow co-conspirators, even if Walker did not know, approve or participate. By joining Osama bin Laden's grand conspiracy to kill Americans, Walker is as culpable for the Sept. 11 attacks as bin Laden himself.

In 1997, bin Laden told John Miller of ABC News that he declared war on America and that al-Qaeda would not distinguish between civilians and soldiers because America made no such distinctions in Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

Thus, a state of war between al-Qaeda and America existed before Walker joined. Indeed, bin Laden was under indictment for the embassy bombings in Africa. Walker, therefore, knew that he joined America's enemies.

Finally, John Walker e-mailed his father that he approved of the terror bombing of the USS Cole. Arguing that 20-year-old, white, John Walker is too young to face judgment, while an 11-year-old black child faces life imprisonment in Florida for killing his teacher, is vile hypocrisy.

All terrorists, including white American terrorists, must face justice.

Gurman Singh Bal
Berkeley

Took money and ran

As reported, Osama bin Laden and Taliban leader Omar went to the National Bank in Kandahar, got all the money there was, stuffed it into big bags and left.

The bank closed after that, having no more funds.

Does that remind you of Enron?

Ray H. Redel
Albany

Traitor or hero

Hanoi Jane's moral backing of North Vietnam was at least partially vindicated by history.

In the eyes of many, the U.S. war in Vietnam was morally wrong, a political and military disaster, and of questionable legality. If she was in contempt, it was not of the institution of government, but of the lies by those who represented it.

John Walker Lindh may have fought with the Taliban and supported Muslim actions against the United States. When the United States declared war on the Taliban, Walker became a traitor only at that time he owed allegiance to the United States.

But it seems by his statements and his actions he may have already legally and morally changed his allegiance. He had become a non-citizen.

How can you be a traitor to what you have already denounced to the extent that Walker did?

Christiane Teresa Walton
Berkeley

Throw Davis out

Unbelievable! With the economy down, hard-working residents suffering layoffs, and the state in terrible deficit, Gray Davis has proposed tax credits for Hollywood!

Give me a break — \$100 million for Hollywood? Does Hollywood need such relief?

Davis' gift to Hollywood is for one reason: donations. It's a simple quid pro quo and it disgusts me. I think we should throw Davis out of office.

Rachel Wallace
Berkeley

Kids are losing their childhood under the pressure to succeed

MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

AS YOU READ this, nursery school students all over the East Bay are sweating on their tiny fingers, worrying about whether they'll be accepted to the kindergarten of their choice. Parents have submitted application forms, transcripts (1) and letters of recommendation. "I was up until 2 a.m. last night, writing letters," says a teacher at Berkeley Hills Nursery School.

Hello? Am I the only one who thinks we're putting just a tad too much pressure on the little tykes?

I see the signs everywhere, from George W. Bush and Gray Davis's call for "accountability" which in practice makes the kids bear the burden; it's yet another test they have to cram into the National Education Association commercials that urge parents to snoop through their kids' belongings. Kids' rooms are so jammed, both at school and play, they hardly have any time to just be themselves. My 10-year-old nephew has three to four hours of homework every day. His life is a constant struggle to keep up with the sheer mass of factoids he's force-feeding him. (And he's a mind that picks up things quickly; I shudder to think how bad it must be for some of the other kids.)

Call me old-fashioned, but four to four hours of homework is too much for a 10-year-old. Sure, Tres manages to do somehow. He's a conscientious young man who genuinely enjoys learning. But I can't help wondering how much longer he can take this insatiable pressure of homework and tests before learning starts to become drudgery instead of fun.

Then there's the grueling after-school regimen of soccer games, karate classes and that heard-of-in-my-time concept, play dates. "No wonder Tres plays his mom recently that he wants to cut back his schedule, the poor kid is exhausted! And he's not the only one.

Our children are sending us a message: They want to be kids. Not tiny adults; there's plenty of time for that later. But is anyone listening?

I've been comparing notes with my friends who are parents, and they say their kids want to trim their schedules, too.

They are sending us a message: They want to be kids. Not tiny adults; there's plenty of time for that later. But is anyone listening?

Unlike your childhood and mine, even their games are run by grownups, with uniforms and sponsors and organized practices (not to mention parents who don't know where to stop, like Thomas Junta). You don't see pickup sandlot baseball games for the simple reason that there aren't any sandlots anymore.

And for older kids, the pressure is enough to drive them to despair. I recently interviewed a junior high school girl who is already worried because her grade point average is "only" 3.85. "You can't get into a decent school unless you've got at least a 4.0," she told me. (That's straight A's.) And she's not even in high school yet!

Now, it's obvious why this happened. It's because 25 years ago, we collectively threw up our hands in horror when we beheld

what we had wrought with the previous generation. Those "latchkey kids" of the '70s, who grew up on their own while mom and dad were off somewhere "finding themselves" (and while their schools were being gutted by Prop. 13) grew up to become Generation X.

Putting aside the fairness of the bad reputation that has attached itself to that generation — I personally think it's a bum rap — the fact remains that we didn't like what we saw. And we made darn sure we didn't neglect the next generation like we did the last one.

Thus the "Baby on board" babies of the '80s, who had Mozart piped into their nurseries, and the "Have you hugged your kid today?" youngsters of the '90s. They didn't have latchkeys; who needs a latchkey when your "soccer mom" never let you out of her sights?

It was all done with the best of intentions. And we got what we wanted: a generation that is motivated by teamwork, achievement, modesty and good conduct. So I'm not saying all this nurturing we have been collectively doing was bad; quite the contrary. But I think the pendulum is starting to swing too far the other way. It's a case of too much of a good thing.

I've said it before and I'll say it again. This generation of young Americans shows signs of being the greatest ever. They're bigger, faster, stronger, smarter, more focused, more idealistic, more cooperative, more charming, better looking and just plain nicer. And, yes, they deserve all the help we can give them.

But let's not burn them out before they grow up to be the generation of heroes we know they can be.

E-mail Martin Snapp at catman@california.com or call him at 510-273-9039.

Digital tweaking turns everyday objects into art

By J.R. Deaton
CORRESPONDENT

With her artistic eye and computer and scanner, Benicia artist Melanie Hofmann transforms everyday objects into works of digital art. She may use an old favorite photograph, a fallen leaf waiting on the sidewalk or a flower plucked from the garden.

"Putting these found and treasured objects on the scanner, I start the magical journey of transformations," she said in an introduction to her work. "Sometimes the object maintains a visual sense of what it actually was and other times I have forgotten the original source."

Hofmann's "The Digital Dimension: Digital Art and Textiles," is on display through Feb. 23 at the Red Oak Gallery, located inside Red Oak Realty on College Avenue in the Elmwood district.

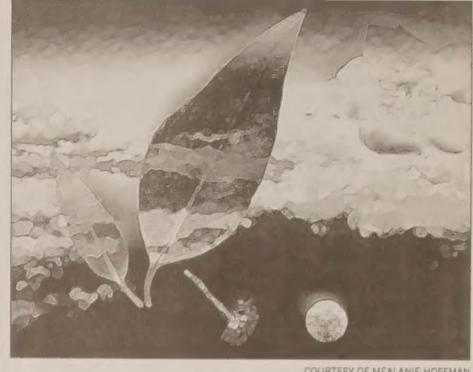
Eleven mixed-media textile works hang from the walls, including a large textile piece of red, blue and yellow titled "Out of the Blues." Also included in the show are three framed and mounted "digital media" Durst Lambda photographic prints. Hofmann said she uses a combination of digital and traditional techniques.

"Ascension 5" is a study in purple, blue and black filled with kinetic intensity. The sweeps and arcs of the piece resemble some type of lighted Dali-esque jellyfish swimming in a sea of black. For this piece Hofmann said she started with leaves from her garden and a rock.

"From those very small items I worked with distortion," she said. "I work in layers so I can have the rock image on one layer and the leaf image on another layer. Then I can actually create multiple rock images or leaf images and layer those as well."

One of her "Windows of Time" textile pieces has a black-and-white moon image, looking like a close-up detail of a black-and-white photograph.

"That one was kind of interesting," Hofmann said. "It looks like a moon, but it was actually a small seed pod that came off of a tree." The moon image is surrounded by a field of dark blue and then lighter blue and



COURTESY OF MEALIE HOFFMAN

white. In each corner are other black-and-white fabric images that Hofmann said came from a mustard flower.

Hofmann, 46, a graduate of the California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland, has been using digital technology in the design process of her screen-printed fabrics since 1996. Her textile and digital work has been shown worldwide. At the Tech Museum in San Jose her work was part of the Tapestry in Talent festival in 2001 and in 2000 was featured in the Taegu Design Competition in Taegu, Korea.

Hofmann said there is an aspect of chance in her work. "The

computer does have filters that do things so when I apply that filter I don't really know exactly what's going to happen," she said. "A lot of times it will come up with something that isn't particularly successful, but on occasion it's really very interesting. And then I can take off from there in creating my work."

"The Digital Dimension: Digital Art and Textiles," by Melanie Hofmann is at the Red Oak Gallery, 2983 College Ave., through Feb. 23. Viewing 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday. Details: 510-849-9990.

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Pair of retired newshounds set sights on media moguls

ONE WAY TO visualize the meaning of "billionaire" is to place two stacks of thousand-dollar bills side by side. One, 8 inches tall, is \$1 million. The other, \$1 billion, rises 555 feet, as tall as the Washington Monument.

This is the introduction to the introduction of the book "Outrageous Fortunes" written by journalists Rod and Alma Holmgren. And the whole book is as exciting and clearly presented as this provocative introduction.

"Outrageous Fortunes" talks about the people who have amassed incredible wealth in the media. From Bill Gates, the richest man in the country, through Roy E. Disney, nephew of the late great Walt, they portray 30 individuals and families and how they came to attain such riches. And is isn't always a pretty story.

The Holmgrens spent five and a half years researching these stories, and even as the book was being produced there were changes and additions to many of the stories that they would have liked to incorporate. But there had to be a cut-off date, so that the book could be produced.

One of the jacket blurbs is from Studs Terkel, whose writings continue to amaze and educate us. Terkel says, "In the tradition of George Seldes' 'Lords of the Press,' written almost a century ago, Rod and Alma Holmgren target today's media moguls, who are even more arrogant in their push to lobotomize the American mind. The Holmgrens score a bull's-eye."



CLARA-RAE GENSER
Community Folk

An aside from Rod Holmgren advises us that Studs Terkel is a friend of his from his early days in Chicago. It was in those days that Holmgren began his journalistic career, becoming one of the foremost radio journalists in the country.

Rod grew up in Chicago, and was producing radio programs while still a senior in Northwestern University, in the Medill School of Journalism. In 1937 he was awarded the Harrington Memorial Award. But he didn't earn his master's degree until 1959, at UC Berkeley.

"By then I had decided I wanted to be a teacher, because my wife was one, and had two-month vacations, while I had only two weeks."

After earning his master's, he taught for years at Monterey Peninsula College. But it was the years between the bachelor's and master's that were exciting. Holmgren stayed on with the university after graduating, at the same time doing a book program on CBS.

He did stint in Iowa in the university's radio station, and became news editor for the Des Moines Register, and then Pearl Harbor happened. It kept him on the air for three days and three nights.



ROD AND ALMA HOLMGREN

SPECIAL TO THE JOURNAL

Back in Chicago, he worked on the on-air edition of the Chicago Sun, then was regional director for the Office of War Information domestic radio bureau. And that was interesting, writing spot announcements, and working with sports programs and soap operas to incorporate other spot announcements into their stories.

After the war, Holmgren became "Labor's Own Commentator" on the Chicago Federation of Labor station, taking over the spot that had been filled by Studs Terkel, then became edi-

tor of the International Labor Union based in Denver. Then it was California, UC, and teaching.

In 1966 he was a Fulbright lecturer in Kabul. He retired in 1979, was invited to lecture in Beijing, China in 1982 and again in 1989, '91 and '96. His book on broadcast news writing has been translated into Chinese. He is an activist with the Sierra Club on coastal issues.

Alma, born in the small town of Owensboro, Ky., started her journalism career on the Evans-

ville, Ind. Press When her boss

relocated to San Francisco he asked her to come out and work on the San Francisco News, which later became the News-Bulletin.

She was book editor for four San Francisco papers during that time, to augment her salary.

"I went to a lot of luncheons," she remembers. When the News was sold to Hearst she decided she had to do something else, so she went to San Francisco State and then UC Berkeley, earning her master's degree in journalism. She taught at Contra Costa College for 16 years.

Alma and Rod met at regional conferences of community college's journalism departments. They married 12 years later, after Rod's wife had died. "I was a bride at 74," Alma says with a smile.

The book, "Outrageous Fortunes" was conceived after Rod had been invited to lecture at an Elderhostel Arts and Humanities program in San Francisco. He was invited back, and did lecture, the next year, but the third year, he said, "No, I'd rather write a book." And they did.

Since their marriage they have done great things such as walking in England, once on a coast-to-coast and once from the North Sea to Robin Hood's Bay, about 192 miles, and others.

Between the two of them, "We have students all over the world," and they add, "They are just like your children after you have worked with them for a

few years, so we have kept in touch." Their most recent union with a former student, a teacher at Princeton University.

The people in the book are diverse. There's Michael Bloomberg, recently sworn in as mayor of New York, and Silvio Berlusconi, the Prime Minister of Italy, as well as others who are their media involvement.

"There had to be a stopgap place," they said, "We kept revising and revising, but we had to stop. We felt it was important to publish this book to get the information out."

An important book, very readable.

"Outrageous Fortunes" by Rod and Alma Holmgren can be purchased at the Thunder Book Store for \$14.95 plus \$16, from Borders Books from Jackson Press, 3398 Rd., Carmel, CA 93923 plus tax and mailing (\$18) can be ordered through their distributor Book People.

I enjoyed a long chat with the Holmgrens, and have really enjoyed reading their book. Please continue to give me your interesting people and events. And if I don't get to your area right away it will because I have been so generous with ideas. Please don't stop. Write me at 555 Pierce St., No. 40, Albany, CA 94706 or call 522-5262. My e-mail is crggenser@aol.com.

IN BRIEF

AHS ensemble staging pair of plays

ALBANY — Albany High School Theater Ensemble presents "Theater Ensemble Unmasked!", an evening of two short student-directed plays at 8 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 1 and repeated at 8 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, and at 5 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 3, at the Albany High School Little Theater, 603 Key Route, Blvd.

The plays are "The Lesson," by Eugene Ionesco, directed by Kevin Gamba, produced by Melia Tichenor; and "Beyond Therapy," by Christopher Durang, directed by Steve Band, produced by Christina Torpey.

Tickets are \$7 (adults), \$5 (students and seniors) and are available at the door, or in advance through the box office.

For reservations or more information write to: theaterensemble@hotmail.com.

Albany artist's works on exhibit

ALBANY — The Albany Arts Committee is holding a new exhibit, "Domestic Bliss" a collection of abstract paintings and mixed media by Albany artist Amy St. George through April 4 at the Albany Community Center Foyer Gallery, 1247 Marin Ave. Her series of work ranges from large abstract paintings to smaller conceptual pieces.

St. George has studied at the San Francisco School of Art, San Jose State University and currently at the Crucible in Berkeley.

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Time to register children for kindergarten in Albany

The Albany Unified School District will register children for admission to kindergarten for fall 2002 on Wednesday, Feb. 27, from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave. Starting Feb. 28, children may register at Ocean View, Marin, or Cornell schools. Also, children in grades 1-5 who currently reside in Albany need to register at this time.

Registering your child at the closest school does not guarantee assignment to that school. Many factors are considered in student assignment.

For kindergarten registration, parents must bring the child's certified birth certificate, baptismal certificate or passport and be prepared to fill out health forms concerning vaccinations, immunizations, and childhood diseases.

Documentation of the dates of immunizations for polio, DTP, measles (rubeola), mumps, rubella (German measles), hepatitis B, and varicella (chickenpox) is required.

No child can enter kindergarten next fall unless s/he has had these immunizations. Minimum doses required for polio are three, as long as one dose was received on or after the fourth birthday for kindergartners, or for children 7 years and up, on or after the second birthday; four doses of

DTP as long as one dose was received on or after the fourth birthday for kindergartners, or three doses of DTP for children 7 years and up if one dose was given on or after the second birthday.

Measles, rubella, and mumps require two doses, provided they were both received on or after the first birthday, or for children in grades 1-5, one dose is enough, although second dose is recommended; hepatitis B, three doses; and one dose of varicella for kindergartners. Also note that no child will be allowed to attend school unless all information is complete.

Parents must also provide a deed or rental agreement, plus two other forms of proof of Albany residence, such as a W-2 form, utility bills, bank statement, or public assistance documents.

Children are eligible for public school kindergarten if the child will be five years of age on or before Dec. 2, 2002. The district can

not accept registration for children younger than that age, though the child may have several years of preschool experience. (All students registered must provide documentation of proof of age.)

Accurate registration is important to Albany Unified School District for planning next classes. If registration is not possible, parents can register children during school at any elementary school as possible after that date.

This registration is for Albany residents only. Non-residents interested in enrolling new students in Albany elementary schools apply for enrollment at the District Service Center on Wednesday, May 1.

An information evening for new kindergarten parents is held on Wednesday, Feb. 27, 5 p.m. in the library at Ocean View School, 1000 Jackson St.



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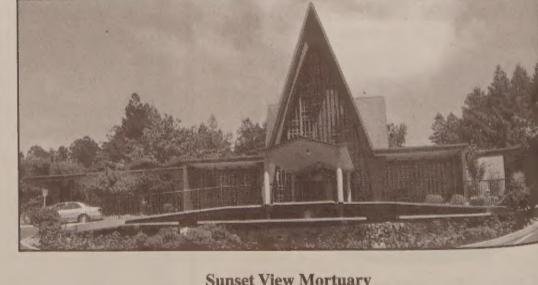
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ing are art deco elements including murals, a barrel-vaulted ceiling, two 10-foot chandeliers, and mirrors and solid wooden doors with round, etched-glass panels.

Speakeasy Theaters has proposed operating the theater as a drive-in movie house and restaurant, similar to its two-year-old Parkway Theater in Oakwood Park.

development agency mem-

bers agreed the theater would be a valuable addition to the city but wanted to proceed with caution to minimize the possible financial loss.

"I'm not into writing a blank check," said Brusatori. "It's taxpayer money."

About 60 residents packed the redevelopment agency meeting and about 10 spoke to the issue. Two people spoke against the project, saying it was financially risky.

"If this theater is going to be economically viable, it doesn't need funds from the city," said Steve Magyary. "It will stand on

its own and the public will support it."

The other residents spoke in support of the theater, saying it would provide an interesting historic site for the city as well as an entertainment and community meeting center.

"I feel we must preserve the Cerrito Theater for its history," said Pam Challinor.

"I think this is just such a wonderful opportunity, I really can't say enough," added Lori Dair. "For me it's about making a place for El Cerrito. People are crying out for that; they're yearning for that."

favorable market, said Busby.

The project will again go before the current council sometime before April when members will decide whether to approve a "final map" that would allow the project to move forward.

Viani said the plans for the project since the early 1990s have changed and she wants a new environmental report done to determine what the development would do to the creek. Viani and former council man Norman La Force said the developer had agreed not to disturb the creek.

"We feel there may have been some lies told by the developer," said Viani. "It seems like people were told one thing so people voted on a project and now a whole different plan is being put forth here."

"What he's proposing now, he really wants to destroy the creek, and I don't think that's appropriate," added La Force, who sat on the council when the project was originally approved.

However, the city staff concluded the developer has met the conditions for the creek laid out by the City Council when it approved a tentative map the first time around.

"Our public works director Regina Evans looked at the con-

ditions of approval and found that they were met," said planning manager Dennis Carrington.

Creek advocates have been asking people to write letters to the city's planning staff, the City Council and regional environmental boards and a county supervisor in order to gain support for their cause.

Busby said the development will easily get the required permits. "All the public environmental agencies that have jurisdiction here like our treatment of the creek," he said. "There are environmental people out there at large who are one, uninformed, and two, expect more than they're entitled to. They'd like to have the whole site left undeveloped, for example."

Councilwoman Kathleen Perka said it is too early to tell what the future would hold for the Bay Vista development but that the council would study the plans carefully and consider public input.

"If there are discrepancies with the EIR, we need to know about it and we need to discuss it," said Perka, who is a council liaison to the city's planning commission as well as a member of Friends of Baxter Creek.

Santa Rita Jail.

On the afternoon of Jan. 21, officers stopped a red '88 Volkswagen Jetta for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 43-year-old Berkeley man, was cited and his vehicle towed.

During the week of Jan. 14, Albany officers towed four vehicles, responded to seven false alarms, attended to three lost or deceased animals, assisted nine people who were locked out of

their house or car and responded to two reports of barking dogs. In the domestic arena officers responded to one domestic dispute, one stand-by, 20 civil disturbances and 169 civil assists.

Officers stopped 150 cars and/or pedestrians issuing 78 citations and 72 warnings. Albany firefighter/paramedics responded to one fire call and eight medical emergencies.

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at this site will ruin an ex-

isting wildlife corridor and habitat that cannot be recreated right, if ever."

It could be a little mini-dis-

aster," added Viani.

In addition, Viani said she op-

erates by Security Owners

Association to restore the creek

up to the old bulldozed and

the developer is proposing

to finally fill the creek in and

try to recreate it," said Viani.

There's a lot of murky stuff go-

ing on with this."

Security Owners president

Busby said a planned culvert

to carry water would

improve the creek and

effort would be made to

minimize the consequences to

negotiation in the area.

It's going to be preserved

like a creek," said Viani.

"Right now it's no more

a running ditch carrying

water from streets above us."

The Bay Vista proposal was

submitted before the city in the early

and approved by the City

in 1995, but homes were

built because of a then-un-

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SARAH MADAN of El Cerrito carries a picture of Martin Luther King Jr. proudly over her head during Monday's parade.

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Parade

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and speeches rounded out what was to many an inspirational event.

"Deep in my heart I do believe we shall overcome someday," sang El Cerrito High School student Julius Van Hook, echoing King's famous speech, as part of a talk that roused many to their feet.

Fellow student Sanaa Subhani gave a blistering speech against racial profiling.

"Doing (racial profiling) proves we are no better than animals," she said, offering several examples of profiling in the aftermath of Sept. 11. "If we want America to be a great nation, let freedom ring."

The event began with hundreds of children and adults walking, carrying umbrellas and signs, saying "Love Shows No Color," "Martin Luther King Lives Today" and "We Still Have a Dream." The parade began from the corner of Manila and Kearny avenues and wound its way south on San Pablo Avenue and up Moeser Lane to the community center.

Perhaps because of the gray, drizzly weather, only a smattering of people watched from sidewalks.

"This was a surprise to me," said Stephen Calloway, a Richmond resident who broke from his

bike ride to watch the parade. "This is nice though. It took too long to get a holiday for (King)."

The theme of the event was "Bringing Hope for the Dream," said Patricia Durham, the event's chairwoman.

The overriding message is for you to recognize the legacy of Dr. King and don't let the dream die," said Durham.

Many participants in the parade and rally felt it was a way to not only commemorate King, but also bring the community together.

"I think it's a wonderful thing, that the people are marching and the parades are going on after all these years," said Oakland resident Yvonne Evans. "This is something Martin Luther King started and everyone here respects him and keeps the dream alive."

"It's just a great feeling to be able to unite together and celebrate," said El Cerrito resident Philip Ferguson.

Added El Cerrito resident Karen Nuzman, "I think it's very exciting to see people of all different backgrounds come together for something Martin Luther King fought for, which is civil rights for everyone."

"I'm proud to be here today, added Portola Middle School student and Richmond resident Courtney Jenkins, "that they're trying to celebrate a man like King."

Priorities

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pose the city to liability if not performed; those that would be a good deal from a cost-benefit perspective; and last, projects that are simply desirable.

Examples of legally mandated improvements are the seismic upgrading of the police and fire stations; some sewer improvements; and fixing a dilapidated stairway on Catherine's Walk, a footpath on Albany Hill. Many projects have multiple phases that would take years to accomplish.

DiPrisco wants to move forward on the reconstruction of San Pablo Avenue and parts of Solano Avenue, a measure that would also serve the fourth goal, to increase and broaden revenues, by attracting more retail businesses. DiPrisco also wants to speed up the installation of bus shelters and improve Catherine's Walk to rid the city of a potential liability problem.

Ely wants to get started on a permanent maintenance center at a yet-to-be-determined location to replace the current interim facility on Cleveland Avenue and develop a management plan to resurface city streets.

Thomson wants to work with UC Berkeley on ballfields at University Village and with Caltrans on the 4.5-acre Pierce Street Park on land vacated by the demolition of the former Pierce Street off-ramp from Interstate 80.

Maris wants to get started on retrofitting the police and fire stations; Okawachi, to look at retrofitting all of the city's public facilities. Maris also suggested a cooperative maintenance plan for city parks involving all users, including the Albany Unified School District, which uses Memorial Park for baseball and other athletic activities.

To enhance revenue — Goal Four — Ely would seek to maximize development opportunities on UC-owned land. Thomson would look at development possibilities on Eastshore Highway. DiPrisco wants the city to "reach out to geographic zones on the other side of the freeway" — the Golden Gate Fields race track, Eastshore Highway and Cleveland Avenue — and "see what we can do to help them hire more people and pay more taxes."

DiPrisco also advocated higher-

Village

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Bond said it would include gardens, parking and would also retain the harbor of trees along the eastern border.

The search for a developer is the first step in a lengthy process that will involve either an environmental report or mitigated declaration and public hearings with various community groups. Five finalists will be chosen to come up with more detailed proposals.

Planners said they couldn't estimate what the rents would be, except to say the community will have to be maintained by the rents of its businesses and housing units.

The housing at University Village, the existing residential community at the site, has sparked protests in the past by students angered over higher rents in the new units.

Two years ago, much of the decades-old housing on the western side of the Village was replaced with larger, modern build-

ings, but the second phase of construction was put on hold.

Andy Katz, who represents the Associated Students of the University of California on housing issues, led some of the discussions at the time.

"Our experience with auxiliary facilities is that rents are not affordable because there's no state subsidy at all," he said.

Rents are need to help make the project self-sufficient.

State law prohibits the university from using tax money to build housing, and Cal doesn't intend to provide financing for the project, according to campus planning director Tom Lollini.

Still, Katz said any new student housing is much needed, and he would support a plan whose commercial component directly served the residents.

Students aren't the only ones hoping to benefit from the project. University and Albany officials have been meeting on a monthly basis to coordinate the timing and concept of the plan, according to Albany planning director Ann

Chaney.

She says the city wants it to include commercial services that can also be used by other nearby residents, such as a grocery store.

Zoning codes in Albany will factor into the project as well, affecting the height, floor-area ratio and number of parking spaces.

"We'll need to revise the zoning ordinance, but we probably won't until there's a more specific project," said Chaney.

Financial questions remain, such as whether the city will benefit from sales taxes, she said.

The relocation of playing fields may resolve some questions over the fate of groups who have been practicing on the land near the property's southern border.

The university had offered to sell a portion of the land to Albany, but city and university officials disagreed over how much each should pay to develop the land. Development was once estimated to cost \$2 million.

The high cost was in part due to complications over drainage problems and other issues related

to the creek.

Instead, the new fields will be located on the Gill Tract, a 40-acre plot at the northern end of the creek, which cuts through the city, as well as public areas, said Lollini.

Discussions between the city and the university will be ongoing, said Chaney. "I'm not sure where it's going to end up."

Proposals are due in March. "Our hope is to have a selection (made) by June, after a negotiation period," Lollini said.

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JARVIS ARCHITECTS

THIS KITCHEN WITH ITS MODERN AMENITIES kept architect Frank Thomas Swaine's original detailing from 1912, and is just a part of the award-winning restoration work.

An award-winning design

BY DENNIS EVANOSKY

SECTION EDITOR

Oakland's Jarvis Architects had as the project engineers and designers on the restoration of a 10,000-square-foot home that the San Francisco Bay chapter of the Remodeling Industry awarded a "Remmies" Excellence in Remodeling. "We are proud to have shared this award," said the company's principal, Glen Jarvis.

Jarvis said he enjoyed the experience of working with other companies that participated in the renovation of the home on Arch West in Berkeley. "We very much enjoyed working with Bill Jetton and the entire construction team over several years to create this beautiful restoration project," he said.

According to Jarvis, the project team included project architect Neta Chang and designer Jim Erickson.

These two members of our in-

Construction on an almost daily basis to achieve the award-winning results."

The home — designed in 1912 by architect Frank Truman Swaine — was restored from the attic bedrooms to the upgraded basement with its laundry room and a family-game room.

Hugo Larman of California Gardens designed and freshly landscaped the home's backyard.

The team took meticulous care in seeing that the new baths and kitchens were consistent with Swaine's architectural detailing while providing the most up-to-date amenities.

While bring the home back to its early 20th century beauty, the team restored the oak paneling in the entryway and reinstated the original light fixtures, which were found in a closet.

"We at Jarvis Architects are proud to have been an integral part of a team in the remodeling of this historically significant home," said Jarvis.

Masterpiece reigns in Oakland hills



PHOTOS BY DAV D. CHIKAWA/PACIFIC UNION

A 5,000-square-foot, five-bedroom, four-bath home situated on a half-acre above Oakland and Berkeley in the Claremont Hills at 27 Dawn St. in Oakland, comes complete with breathtaking views of San Francisco and the bay.

The home boasts a large area for a hillside vineyard or swimming pool; a wine cellar with a tasting area, and four fireplaces.

This masterpiece of design will be open for public viewing this Sunday from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

"Our top priority for this home has been the design,"

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says Gerard Van Steyn, the developer who conceived this estate. "We didn't cut any costs to get all the unique architectural detailing that we wanted."

Among the details that viewers will appreciate is the fusion of Old World carpentry with

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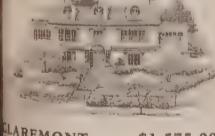
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UPPER ROCKRIDGE \$895,000 100 SHERIDAN RD. (Open 2-4:30) 1/2 acre 6 year old 5BR/3.5BA. Light & airy & spacious. Easy living. Level-in, yard. Kelley O'Neill x368

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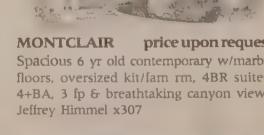
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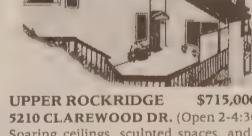
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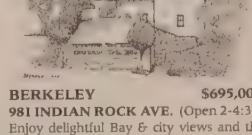
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Having car stolen is a harrowing experience

Number 386 in a series of true experiences in real estate

This really has nothing to do with real estate, except that it happened at the house where I live, but I've got to tell the story. My car was stolen.

On the first Sunday morning in December, I got up early and went out front to pick up the newspapers. The car was gone! I'd parked it in my driveway in the rain the night before, locked it, hadn't given it another thought, and now it was gone missing. I couldn't believe my eyes.

I loved that car, a "cruise mobile" Anet called my 1990 Chrysler New Yorker, but it seemed to me an unlikely car to be stolen. It didn't even have automatic windows; they had to be hand cranked.

It was my mother's car, the only car she'd ever bought new, and she loved it, too. When she died, I got it, and I have certainly enjoyed driving it.

But on our lower Montclair street there are all kinds of newer and fancier cars. Why steal this one? We called the cops of course and a young officer arrived to take the report.

He said the car had probably been chosen because "they" could start it. Just that simple. Maybe it was joy-riders, maybe we'd get the car back. I really hoped we would get it back.

The insurance people said they'd send a claim form and that they would provide a rental car for 30 days. If the car was recovered quickly, I could have it, but if it wasn't found until after the claim had been processed, I'd just be out of luck. Once they make a settlement, the car belongs to them forever.

So we dragged our feet a little because we wanted to allow as much time as possible for the car to show up. Anet drove around the neighborhood hoping that she'd spot it. No such luck.

We talked to our car mechanic who said that the Chrysler might have been stolen for parts, that there are several parts worth \$700 each even in this old model, and maybe someone needed one. This seemed completely amazing to me, I thought, maybe it was true.

Christmas was almost upon us, the Chrysler hadn't been found, my car rental time was running out, and I had to complete the insurance claim forms.

The insurance company insisted that I send all keys to the car, and the pink slip, to them with the non-tampered claim. I did. It hurt.

At the same time I was half-heartedly looking for another car to buy. My ex-husband knows a man who renovates and sells old Volvos, only models prior to 1993. The Volvo man is based in Red Bluff but he delivers to the Bay Area. Anet kindly took on phone discussions of Volvos, mileage, servicing and such, and she suggested I buy a 1989 model with a charcoal exterior and gray interior, "very clean". She said it was in good shape with 90,000 miles on it — low, apparently, for a Volvo — and the price was \$4,500.

We still didn't know what the insurance company would pay, but time was getting short and this car sounded as good as anything I was going to find, and so I agreed. A few days later, the Volvo arrived. It looks fine and works fine although it feels heavier, clunkier than the Chrysler, more like driving a truck. I'm getting used to it.

The insurance folks decided that \$3,500 was what they were willing to pay for my car. This includes \$200 for personal property stored inside, the maximum they allow no



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matter what was in it. They sent me a check which I received on a recent Friday.

On the Monday following, five weeks after the car had been stolen, I was at our office and about to go to the bank to deposit the insurance check when the Oakland police called. They'd found my car! It had been left on a side street off High Street in Oakland and had first been ticketed for abandonment 18 days after being stolen.

The police officer said that the car looked pretty good. I should go to the towing yard and see. Quickly we called the insurance company. Was it too late?

Could I still get my car back or did it now irrevocably belong to them? Miraculously, the paperwork had not left the insurance company office. If the car was in ok shape, I could still return the settlement check and get my car.

First we had to get a release from the Oakland police. We stood in a long line on 7th Street chatting with others there for the same reason. It seems many cars are stolen or they are towed for other reasons.

We got the release and drove to the towing yard off Hegenberger Road where we waited in another line before we would be allowed to see the car. Finally, with all the paperwork in order, we stood at a cyclone fence waiting for our guide. We would need him, this pleasant young man, as the towing yard is 13 acres huge containing thousands of dusty cars with the dates of arrival painted on their windshields.

The young man directed us to an old car, we climbed in, and he drove us through dark, tin-roofed buildings crammed wall-to-wall with autos, then through parking lots full, and back through buildings again.

The visuals on this ride were other worldly, and depressing. All the cars looked old, dirty, ill, although I guess not all of them were. Some had been towed from accidents and were twisted and broken.

We stopped at a part of one lot containing cars that had arrived that day and got out to shimmy along between them looking for my car. "There it is," Anet said. "It looks ok."

But when we got to it and looked inside, it was bad. The back seat had been removed entirely. In its place were four tires, not my tires, just some tires. The head liner had been slashed. This somehow seemed the worst. Why cut it?

The trunk was cavernous, shockingly empty and deep, the wheel well and spare all gone. And the engine? The engine block was still in place and curiously, the windshield cleaner fluid container still there, but everything else was gone, even the radiator. It was so sad. I felt like I was seeing a friend lying beaten and helpless. I guess my mechanic was right. Someone wanted some 1990 Chrysler parts.

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House

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modern materials and technology. Award-winning designer Philip Perkins who designed the property has fashioned a laser-cut stainless-steel crest just for this home and gracefully inset it into the woodwork throughout the house as well as in the stair railing and wine-cellars gate.

Equally dazzling is the kitchen, featuring handcrafted carpentry, state-of-the-art appliances including a warming drawer, a wine refrigerator, and an over-sized island, and the adjacent family room with a built-in entertainment center and wood-crafted fireplace.

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Those who tour the home may also pick up some decorating ideas from Claudia Ellinghaus and Robin Kelly of EsGrown Garden and Staging who put on the finishing touches.

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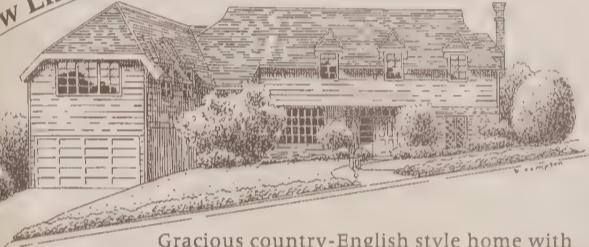
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ATTENTION PUBLIC

Inform Meeting in Alameda

The public is always welcome at the Inform Meeting sponsored by the Alameda Association of Realtors. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting begins at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 12 at the Garden Isle Community Center on Melrose Avenue. The focus of each meeting is an invited speaker and the discussion of important real estate, economic and community concerns. The Inform is dedicated to helping Realtors stay informed about the real estate market, the community and issues that affect the economy. Agents are encouraged to bring information on new listings for presentation to the group. For more information contact Kristen McMahan of AAR at 510-523-7229.

Alameda Museum Lectures

The Alameda Museum provides lectures for everyone who loves homes. The slide lectures are narrated by prominent Bay Area authors and historians. The museum is located on Alameda Avenue near Park Street in Alameda. The series begins in February and continues through June. Thursday, Feb. 28 is the date of the first lecture in the series. Watch this column for more details or call 510-748-0796.

Home Improvement

The Building Education Center in Berkeley provides ongoing classes, lectures and events for the experienced and those new to remodeling and renovation. There are evening classes on weekdays and daytime classes on the weekends. "Basic Home Repair and Improvement Skills" is a hands-on workshop taught by carpenter Rodney Kooyman, on Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 26 and 27. Join the "Controlling Termites and Dryrot" seminar on Sunday, Jan. 27. The instructor is author/contractor Don Pearman. For more information on classes and costs call Sydney at 510-525-7610 or visit [bldgctr.org](http://www.bldgctr.org).

Senior Care Guides

Georgia Richardson of Richardson Real Estate Services is offering New Lifestyles, an area guide to senior residences and care options. Guides are available for the San Francisco Bay or the Sacramento/North Bay areas. To obtain a complimentary issue, contact Richardson at 510-569-3499.

Workshops For Everyone

Karen Ward of RE Loan Mortgage in Albany is the facilitator for a variety of workshops for the homebuyer. The "Homebuyer Finance" workshop is a review of the overall loan process and covers loan programs, credit reports and lender guidelines. "Home Buyer Basics" is a workshop for first-time buyers with a review of all aspects of homebuying. The "Woman To Woman Workshop" educates women on the basic principles of homebuying. Issues and concerns dealing with women are addressed in "Womanspeak." For more information and dates of upcoming workshops contact Ward at 510-559-4000.

BAR LUNCHEON

Attend the Berkeley Association of Realtors monthly networking luncheon at 12:15 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 30. The Luncheon is held at the BAR Auditorium. Reservations are a must. Contact Don Clark at the BAR office for information and reservations at 510-848-4288.

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SMITH MAKES A MOVE

Denise Smith, Broker/Owner of Royal Realtors and Loan Services announced a change of location for her company. Royal is now located at 2255 MacArthur Blvd., off Fruitvale Avenue. Smith is Past President of the Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter and a Vice President/Director for the Oakland Association of Realtors. She is also President of the Dare to Dream Foundation, a nonprofit organization that helps provide affordable housing. The phone number for Smith and Royal Realtors, 510-482-8200 remains the same.

MORTGAGE PROS

Attention Mortgage Professionals: Learning more about an industry is as important as being a part of that industry. The California Association of Residential Lenders (CARL) and the California Association of Mortgage Brokers (CAMB) strive to keep mortgage professionals educated and informed. Both have monthly dinner meetings, with guest speakers discussing timely topics. CARL meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month beginning with networking at 6 p.m. Networking also kicks off each CAMB meeting, held on the fourth Thursday of each month.

To find out more call these organization's hotlines. The CARL Hotline is 925-746-1847. The CAMB Hotline is 925-275-2663.

Breakfast Club

Join the lively Wednesday Morning Breakfast Meetings, presented by the California Association of Residential Lenders (CARL). Meetings are held every Wednesday at American Title in Walnut Creek on Olympic Boulevard. Start time is 8:15 a.m. Breakfast refreshments are served. Need info? Want to recommend a speaker? Call Pat Johnson of TRI Commercial Real Estate Services at 925-296-3300.

WHO'S ON FIRST?

■ Joyce Mack, Vice President of Fidelity National Title in Oakland announced a new addition. Tyrone Cosey joins the Fidelity Sales & Marketing team. You can welcome Cosey by calling 510-893-8100.

■ Did you know? Lillie Braudy moved from the Prudential California Realty office in Kensington to the Telegraph Road office. Tell her you read about her move in this column. Call Braudy at 510-845-0200 or visit her Web page at [prweb.com/lilliebraudy](http://www.prweb.com/lilliebraudy).

■ The Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter's new president is George Johnson. Johnson is a loan officer with Ameristar Financial. He can be reached at 925-314-8314.

WHAT'S UP DOC??

I need your information for this column. E-mail bobbier@idolplanet.com. Fax your info to me at 510-441-7191. Call me at 510-441-7190.

Making an entrance grand



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AN OTHERWISE AVERAGE rectangular room can be made dramatic by the entrance. In this case, a family room is framed in an arch featuring recessed drywall panels. The result makes the combined spaces more stylish and even though no expense was added to the large room by the ornate entry. The hallway leading to this family room is not enlarged. A detail like this is not reserved for new home construction; it can be added to any existing home to add style and grace.

How do I find the best agent for me?

INMAN NEWS FEATURES

Most homebuyers and sellers use a real estate agent to help them buy or sell a home. But, not all buyers and sellers have the same degree of success. Real estate transactions can be complicated, and they are often stressful. Finding the right agent to assist you through the experience will make a big difference in your satisfaction level.

Basically you are looking for an experienced and trustworthy agent who is professional and knowledgeable. The agent should have expertise in the area where you want to buy or sell. It helps if the agent is energetic and resourceful. A high priority should be to find an agent whom you can develop a rapport.

Rapport is one of the most important qualities to consider in selecting an agent. There's no way to know in advance how long it will take you to buy or sell a home. It could take months. The transaction could go relatively smoothly, or there could be obstacles along the way. If you have a good working relationship with your agent, you'll be able to work through challenging situations with a mini-

mum of stress. Good communication and teamwork are essential to a successful transaction.

You might be wondering how you'll know a good agent when you meet one. Your first impressions should tell you a lot. Since rapport is so important, don't even consider working with someone who turns you off. You might meet an agent who is overly aggressive. If you don't relate well to this style, find an agent who has a more subtle approach to sales. Or, an agent might not be aggressive enough for your taste. If so, find yourself a go-getter. Your agent should make your real estate transaction less, not more, stressful for you. You're looking for a good personality fit.

Personal recommendations are your best source of agent referrals, particularly if the recommendations come from people whose opinions you trust. Another way to find agents is to visit Sunday open houses in the area where you'll be buying or selling. Visiting an open

house gives you an opportunity to observe an agent in action without having to make a commitment. If you like what you see, you can make an appointment to talk further with the agent.

First-Time Tip: Some people interview several agents before selecting one to work with. Be sure to ask the agents you talk with whether they have enough time to give you the attention you deserve. If an agent is spread too thin, you won't be satisfied with the service you receive. Good agents will be candid with you if they're too busy to take on another client.

Be aware if you are interviewing agents, that the agents may also be interviewing you. The best agents are in the highest demand because they deliver quality service. These agents are selective in terms of the buyers and sellers they choose to work with. They're looking for buyers and sellers who are serious, trustworthy and with whom they can develop a good rapport.



DIAN HYMER

House Hunting

It's a matter of economics agents. Most real estate agents are paid on a commission basis. To only get paid when a home sells closes. The best agents manage time well and spend efforts with this.

The Closing: Some of the best agents have assistants otherwise they couldn't handle high volume business. Make you understand upfront what you'll be working with. If you're interacting mostly with an assistant, interview this person to make sure you feel comfortable with this arrangement.

Diane Hymer is author of "Shutting Out, the Complete Home Buyer's Guide," Chronicle Books. She is a top-producing broker with Coldwell Banker's the Montclair/Piedmont office, her at 510-339-4777.

Energy seminar

Truitt and White Lumber will sponsor a free Energy Efficiency and Conservation seminar from 9:30 to 11 a.m., Saturday, Feb. 2, at 642 Hearst Ave. in Berkeley.

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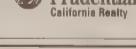
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Watch who does the work

There is a vast difference in quality and reliability between various firms and individuals who build, repair or inspect residential property. Knowing who to hire to do significant work on a house is essential.

As a buyer, it is equally important to know which companies were involved in a home you are considering. A reliable, local company will have a good reputation because it stands behind its work. Your agent's recommendation of a competent home inspector and pest control operator is a key first step.

Termite reports and work

When you read a termite report, look at who issued it and then at the required repairs. Be highly suspicious when either the seller, or someone he hired, did the pest control work. This is especially true if there is no written certification from the original company that the problems indicated in its report have been handled. Even a certification from a different company may be worrisome.

I know of a situation where the seller, before he sold his house, employed someone he knew to do extensive repairs. The buyer accepted the certification from a second termite company. Two years later, when the buyer became a seller, he was impressed to get a new report showing more than \$20,000 in damages. Unfortunately, this is not uncommon.

Extensive remodeling

The larger the project, the more you should have about who did it. Big jobs, e.g., kitchen or bath remodels, or additions, should be completed under a permit that has been issued. Although a permit is a guarantee of quality work, absence of one should be a flag.

The fact that a contractor does not do remodeling does not mean his workmanship is superior. I am familiar with someone who bought a former fixer directly from the contractor who had done the remodeling. This led to major troubles for the purchaser.

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Sewer line leaks

It has been years since I wrote a number of articles about sewer line problems, yet I still get calls and e-mails from homeowners. They are seeking advice because they are disgusted at the deceptive and duplicitous behavior of some operators.

A few hints: if the house is more than 40 years old and the sewer line has not been redone, there is a good chance it has, or will have, problems. If the seller indicates he has the line cleaned every year or two, it is probably broken and needs to be replaced.

Besides the smell and inconvenience, sewer line work tends to be expensive (\$3,000 to over \$20,000). Quotes for the same job can vary by \$10,000, depending on the company and the homeowner's negotiating prowess.

Unfortunately, when it comes to resale, buyers give no credit for a \$12,000 sewer line fix. This is also true of another water-related trouble: drainage.

Drainage

Drainage difficulties can cause health and structural maladies. If left unattended for a long period, water under your house can undermine and rot the foundation.

For large projects, you need to engage the services of a licensed engineer. After you have received his written report, including specifications of necessary work, bring in two or three qualified contractors for bids. As with sewer line work, drainage tends to be costly and in the same price range.

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West County Realtors celebrate 2002 inaugural

WEST CONTRA COSTA ASSOCIATION
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West Contra Costa Association of Realtors held its annual inaugural Friday, Jan. 11 at H's Lordships Restaurant in Berkeley.

David Yates with Coldwell Banker Bartels — the outgoing 2001 president — turned over the gavel to Cliff Hussey with Realty Care, who was installed as WCCAR's 2002 President.

John Bedford, Region 5 Chair for the California Association of Realtors conducted Hussey's installation as well as that of the WCCAR board of directors.

Gloria Egger with Egger Realty served as the master of ceremonies.

An eye on Hawaii

The inaugural was well attended with a Hawaiian-style theme. Mike Zeelen with Assist 2 Sell lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance, and Eddie Lee gave the invocation. An inspirational song was sung by Bobbie Richardson.

Among the winners

Tony Wong with Viking Mortgage presented the 2001 Affiliate of the Year Award to Art Hallisy of Chicago Title in El Sobrante.

John Anderson with Security Pacific presented the 2001 Realtor of the Year Award to Cliff Hussey of Realty Care in Pinole.

Shirley Zeelen-Sowell, office manager of the West Contra Costa Association of Realtors was presented a plaque for Professional Standards Administrator.

The West Contra Costa Association of Realtors is located in Richmond. The Association has over 430 Realtor Members and over 50 Affiliate members.



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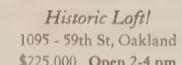
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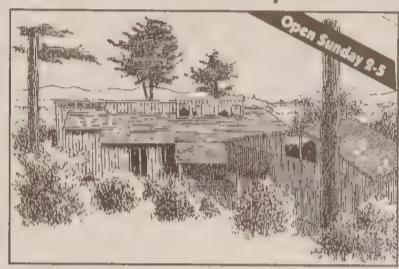
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3244 MILLSVIEW \$269,000
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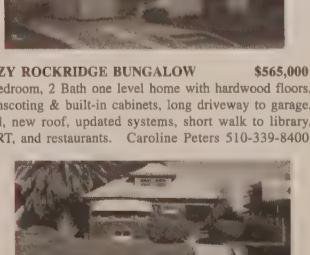
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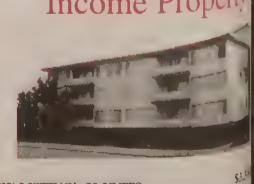
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 330 Pennsylvania - \$194,000
 704 Rock Rose Wy - \$398,000
 761 Rock Rose Wy - \$410,000
 551 South 30th St - \$495,000
 47 Southwind Cr - \$460,000
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235 Tunnel Av - \$399,000
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 HIGHEST PRICE: \$480,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$346,438

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 LOWEST PRICE: \$249,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$523,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$366,625

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 LOWEST PRICE: \$350,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$625,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$460,375

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 LOWEST PRICE: \$257,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$284,500
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$270,750

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 3
 LOWEST PRICE: \$169,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$590,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$280,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$346,333

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 4
 LOWEST PRICE: \$345,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$514,783

AVERAGE PRICE: \$438,500

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 75
 LOWEST PRICE: \$100,000
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$835,000
 MEDIAN PRICE: \$276,000
 AVERAGE PRICE: \$348,567

PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 1
 PRICE: \$1,350,000

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 23
 LOWEST PRICE: \$156,500
 HIGHEST PRICE: \$500,500
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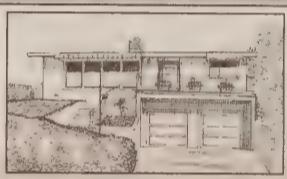
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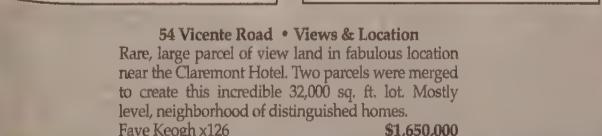


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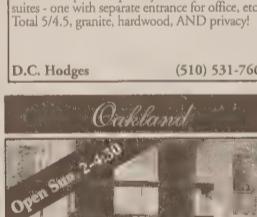
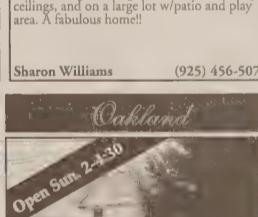
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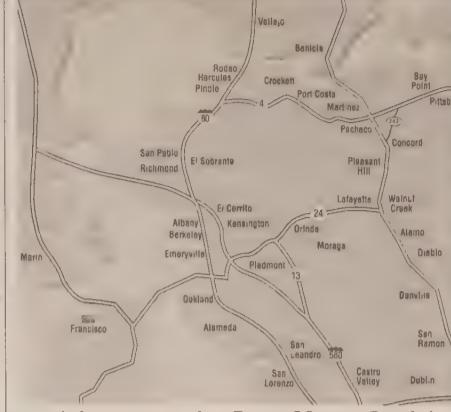
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| Pacific Union | | | | | |
| Joanne Hirsch | (510) 339-6460 x266 | | | | |
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| 6482 Oaktree Ave. | 3bed/2ba | 2-4-230 | | | |
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| 7932 Hillmont Dr | 3bed/1ba Sun 2-4-230 | | | | |
| Janet Kaplan, Prudential, 510-545-0200 | | | | | |
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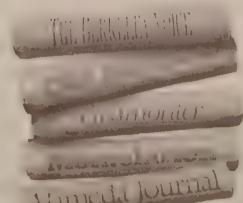
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Section C

Inside Cougars send in the reserves [C2]

Inside A down-to-the-wire loss [C2]

Late goals lift Panthers

Warren's dramatic goal caps second-half comeback

By Bill Kruissink
STAFF WRITER

ALAMEDA — On a clear day Alameda, the St. Mary's Panthers and St. Joseph Notre Dame Scots found themselves in a match where the outcome was anything but clear until the final minutes.

Then, with the Panthers tied 1-1 in the second half, the Panthers' Bryan Warren found a clear lane — and unleashed a 20-yard blast. In a game where countless close-range shots were batted away or saved in the last instant, Warren's shot somehow went through untouched. His goal, scored with about 10 minutes to go, lifted the Panthers (5-0-1, 18 points) to a 2-1 win and into a first place tie with St. Patrick/St. Vincent (5-1, 16 points) in the Bay Shore Athletic League standings.

"It was a last-second thing and put all my energy into (the

shot)," Warren said. "I ripped one and hoped it fell into the net. And it did."

Making Warren's goal all the more stunning was the fact the Pilots (5-3-1, 1-2-1 BSAL) had owned the lead just minutes before.

Scoreless throughout the first half, the Pilots' Reinhard Cate had knocked in the go-ahead goal when he found himself all alone in front of Panther goalie Nick Osborn midway through the second half. Somewhat surprised, he neatly tapped in the goal.

"I thought we were going to lose it there; I thought the whole season was going down," Warren said. "Luckily Stephon came through on the free kick."

That would be Stephon McGrew, who drew a direct free kick and converted over the Pilots' wall a couple of minutes after Cate had snapped the scoreless deadlock.

Just like that, it was back to square one.

"It wasn't a sinking feeling — it was more of a shock," St. Joe coach Derrick Brown said. "We score and they score on the (free) kick."

All of this occurred after both teams had missed countless shots

to quickly closing defenses.

A hard-fought match, both clubs had settled into a bit of an air war — a long-ball game that saw the soccer ball arriving downfield in a hurry.

"That will happen when the intensity level steps up," Panther coach Teale Matteson said. "You don't want to take a chance bringing a ball that you think might be stolen."

"We kind of shy away from the long-ball stuff," Brown said. "We kind of got caught up in it."

Also caught up in it were the defenses that were forced to react quickly to the changing tides. Panther sweeper Sean Rogan and Pilot sweeper Nick Jacuzzi both found themselves fending off two-on-one situations, with keepers Osborn and the Pilots' Chris Goin routinely going horizontal to prevent goals.

Which is when Warren broke through. With tensions rising, the senior forward had a moment when he was not pressured by defenders and sent the ball flying.

Goin, whose vision was temporarily blocked by his defenders, saw Warren's blast too late to prevent the goal.

"It was a tough one," Goin

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ON A COLLISION COURSE, St. Mary's Patrick McMahon (4) and St. Joseph's Davey Gordon (10) headed the ball back into play. Competing in Alameda on Jan. 23, the Panthers rallied to defeat the Pilots 2-1.



GETTING HER FRUSTRATION SHOW, Encinal's Jackie Randolph looked for help against Berkeley's Anna Keys (left) and Devanae Hampton. Playing in Alameda on Jan. 22, the Yellow Jackets turned back the Jets 51-39.

Jackets fend off Jets; upset Marin Wildcats

Keys scores 11, Bailey, Seabrook 10
EHS; Keys leads Berkeley over Marin

By Bill Kruissink
STAFF WRITER

ALAMEDA — Not that it means much these days, but the Berkeley High School girls still have the Encinal Jets' number. Playing in Alameda on Tuesday night, the Yellow Jackets put a significant height advantage on the court, outrebounding the Jets en route to winning 51-39.

The fact is, though, the game only so much import, since Berkeley is no longer a part of the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League, the result of its "competitive anomaly" status.

With the designation, the Yellow Jackets continue to play ACCAL teams, but without registering the game as a win or a loss in league.

So while the game was a solid nonleague win on the road for Berkeley, it had little real effect on the big picture.

On the other hand, Encinal was within striking distance most of the way, pulling to within four, 25-21, late in the first half.

"We've always had trouble on this court," said Kalyca Seabrook, who came off the bench to pump in all 10 of her points in the fourth quarter.

There was another factor to the game: both teams were coming off big wins, Berkeley over the highly ranked Marin Catholic Wildcats on Saturday, the Jets over archrival Alameda last Thursday. Both appeared some-

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EL CERRITO'S JULIANA DRAGOS (right) fought Pinole's Karlyn Patterson for possession of the ball during their Jan. 17 soccer match in Pinole. The Spartans eked out a 1-0 win.

A down-to-the-wire loss

Gaucho keeper Brace earns 10 saves in loss

By Phil Jensen
STAFF WRITER

PINOLE — The El Cerrito girls soccer team knew that Pinole Valley would be fired up for Thursday's Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League game.

El Cerrito was able to hold off the Spartans — for 78 minutes. Pinole Valley's Karlyn Patterson, a freshman, broke a scoreless tie with a breakaway goal just two minutes left in regulation to give Pinole Valley a 1-0 victory.

"We knew they would come at us," said El Cerrito coach Robert Sackey. "We wanted to

play solid defensively and wear them out. We knew they had talent up front."

The irony was that Patterson usually isn't one of those front-row players. "She's pretty quick, so we (the coaching staff) decided to put her up (at forward) in the second half to see if she would break away, and she did," said Pinole Valley coach Chuck Thompson about Patterson, who is usually a midfielder.

"I didn't think I was going to make it," said Patterson, who started the breakaway near midfield on the left side. "I haven't scored many goals this year, but I was pumped."

The win keeps Pinole Valley in the ACCAL title chase.

Each team had a handful of solid scoring chances, but both defenses and goalkeepers were up to the task. El Cerrito goalkeeper Jenna Brace produced 10 saves, and Pinole Valley's Becky Duong grabbed six saves. "She played awesome," said Sackey about Brace.

El Cerrito out-shot Pinole Valley 6-4 in the first half, although the Spartans had several outstanding scoring opportunities. Sweepers Kirsten Eames of El Cerrito, who played center mid-fielder in the second half, and Michelle Klubben of Pinole Valley led their respective defenses in the first half.

But Pinole Valley turned the statistics around in the second half, out-shooting El Cerrito 9-4, including 5-0 in the final nine minutes.

El Cerrito's Johari Harris and Sarah Lucas played outstanding defense for the Gauchos. "They shut everything down," Sackey said.

Sackey hopes the loss will will the Gauchos to great efforts next week against Alameda and Berkeley, two of the top teams in the ACCAL. "My team will be hungry," Sackey said.

The Gauchos host Alameda Tuesday at 5:30 p.m., then travel to face league-leader Berkeley Thursday at 5:30 p.m.

recording 17 points and 23 rebounds. Both were game highs.

But Randolph was the only Jet to double digits in anything. Nicole Hornage had eight points, Amber English seven, including one 3-pointer.

For the Yellow Jackets, Sabrina Keys had 11 points, Natasha Bailey and Kalyca Seabrook 10 ... Ten different Yellow Jackets put points on the board ... Officially, Seabrook also led the rebounding with six ... Joy White and Shavajale James had three steals each, while Danisha Wright recorded four assists.

SCHEDULES: On Saturday, Berkeley is in the state capital for the Sacramento Challenge. It plays Antelope Valley at 2:30 p.m.

Next week, Berkeley hosts De Anza on Jan. 29 and Richmond on Jan. 30. Both games begin at 7 p.m.

Berkeley 56, Marin Catholic 52

STATS: Encinal's Jackie Randolph had an outstanding game,

(the Monarchs) made their shots and we didn't. Plus, we played like this was a visiting game."

Before this season, Albany played its home games at Alameda Point — the former Naval Air Station — while its new gym was under construction.

Other factors also hampered the Cougars.

"This week, we had kids out two or three days taking the Golden State Exam, so we didn't have any legs," Arnold said.

Stephanie Wissler, who finished with eight points for Albany, broke her team's scoreless streak by hitting a 3-pointer early in the fourth quarter. Jodi Nagakura also scored all six of her points in the final period.

but with time winding down, their shots were shorter and their passes rarely found teammates in a position to move the ball past midfield.

Still, with a few minutes remaining, Cate took a corner kick to the left of the cage and headed it toward Osborn. Osborn came up with the dramatic save.

Minutes later, the whistle blew.

Matteson said: "I have a lot of

confidence in my players because we've played in clutch situations before. I know there are a number of players who can come up and be ready when the time comes. Today it was Bryan.

Postgame

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Arts

'Ball' prevails with arresting acting

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

THE HOTTEST THING in television these days undeniably is pay-cable, where Showtime and HBO all month are rolling out the premieres of their adult-oriented weekly series: "Queer Folk," "Sex and The City," "Soul Survivor," and "Chris Isaak," etc. Premium cable is flourishing, creating viewers like adults something the broadcast (save PBS) have historically rarely done. Ratings are up and the "alphabet" networks (ABC, NBC, etc.) now have less than 50 percent of prime-time audience they had in the 1980's.

Pay-cable has, these past few years, appropriated what the broadcasters' weekly series now dominates it, at least critically. The formula is simple: Merge adult material in good writing and acting, and the Emmies going to pay-cable increase each year, and include a Best Comedy Series ("SATC") and Best Drama Series ("Sopranos") Emmy — as a number of Golden Globes this week. And arguably the two best of these cable-run series, HBO's "The Sopranos" and "Six Feet Under," are yet to debut: "Six" returns in March — I've seen the episode, and it's great.

"Sopranos," whose season compilation DVD's are atop the seller lists, returns for a third season in June.

With all this adult-oriented pay-cable, it's about to move into another TV staple —

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SPECIAL TO HILLS NEWSPAPER/DANIEL DAVID
"Every Inch a King," a new

SANDRA SCHLECTER, Rica Anderson and Claudia Rosa appear in "Every Inch a King," a new comedy for Central Works.

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Tickets are \$8-18, sliding scale. Thursdays are pay what you can. Call 510-558-1381.

A 'HATE' TO LOVE: "I Hate Hamlet" is the name of the current play at Contra Costa Civic Theatre. But judging by the audience reaction on opening night, the verdict of the house might change the marquee to "Love I Hate Hamlet."

This is good, old-time farce, unambitious, but kept in bounds by director Michael Wiesenbrey with a splendid cast factors imbued with the comic spirit. And it's played on an opulent set befitting the larger-than-life, robust and jolly grandeur of John Barrymore at his peak. (In the play, he once lived in the old brownstone.)

Special nods to Mark Lariviere as Andrew Picardi, the Hollywood TV actor temporarily at liberty in New York, who gets a chance to play Hamlet, a character he hates; Mark Manske, a wonderfully full-bloodied ghost Barrymore's who is brought back to coach Andrew; and David Bogdonoff, as the ineffectual Gary Peter Lefkowitz, a down-on-his-luck agent who exudes enough brash to shine the Golden Gate Bridge. James A. Inman, a local building contractor making his

first foray into community theater, is credited with the set design. It functions almost as a member of the cast. Construction credits go to a couple of dozen CCCers, the cast and crew. Nice work, gang.

"I Hate Hamlet" plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Feb. 23, with Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on Feb. 3 and 10. Tickets are \$12; \$8 for youths 16 and under. Call 510-524-9132. Group sales: 510-524-6654.

Contra Costa Civic Theatre is at 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito.

A FAMILY TALKFEST: "The Three Sisters," an Actors Ensemble production at Live Oak Theatre of Anton Chekhov's poignant psychological drama, goes to the opposite end of the theatrical experience. Debra Blondheim directs this adaptation by David Mamet based on a literal translation of the original by Vlada Chernomordik.

In measured tones and stately pace, the play unfolds and engages you. We eavesdrop on intimate conversations in the parlor of the Prozoroff home and other areas of the Russian house.

We come to know Olga, the oldest sister, also a school teacher (Hanna Rahilly), Masha, the middle sister (Anne-Michelle Friedman) and her school teacher husband Kulygin (David Fennerty), Irina, the

youngest sister (Lindsay Anne Pratt), their brother Andrei Prozoroff (Kirk Crist) and his fiancee (later wife) Natalya (Mary Samson).

It's a large, well-chosen cast, including military officers from a garrison in the village, played by Doug Boyd, Michael Needham, Lee Ingalls, Mike Renner, Alex Statari and Andrew Saunders. Madeline Conroy as Anfisa, an old nanny, and David Cohen as Ferapont, an old man, are appealing in their character roles.

In Chekhovian fashion, this is a talk play in which physical action takes second place to the sensual involvement in the dynamics of emotions at work. A moving experience of loss and gain, of choices and consequences, and the toll of time for which none has immunity.

"The Three Sisters" plays at 8 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays through Feb. 16, plus Thursday, Feb. 14. Tickets are \$10, with discounts for groups of 15 or more.

Live Oak Theatre is at 1301 Shattuck Ave. (at Berryman), Berkeley. Call 510-528-5620.

Send items of interest to Jack Tucker at 4301 Lakeside Drive, Richmond, CA 94806; fax to 510-262-2776; e-mail to jtucker@ccs.com, or call 510-262-2768. Include a contact name and number.

One aspect of the museum's permanent collection. Wednesday, 12:30 p.m. Free with museum admission. \$6 general; \$4 seniors and students; free children age 5 and under; second Sundays are free to all.

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THE PARDEE HOME MUSEUM — The historic Pardee Mansion, a three-story Italianate villa built in 1868, was home to three generations of the Pardee family who were instrumental in the civic and cultural development of California and Oakland. The home includes the house, grounds, water tower and barn. Reservations recommended. \$5 general; free children under age 12. House Tours: Friday and Saturday, noon, 672 11th St., Oakland. (510) 444-2187 or www.pardeehome.org

RICHMOND MUSEUM OF HISTORY — Permanent exhibits highlight Richmond's cultural, industrial and architectural legacy. "Places of Faith and Worship," ongoing. An exhibit documenting the history of the many churches that reflect Richmond's diverse cultures and lifestyles. Free. Wednesday through Sunday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. 400 Nevin Ave., Richmond. (510) 235-7387.

UC BERKELEY ART MUSEUM —

■ "Migrations: Photographs by Sebastiao Salgado," through March 24. A major traveling exhibition featuring 300 black-and-white photographs of migrants and refugees taken by the Brazilian photographer.

■ "Near and Far," through July. An exhibition of 60 works selected from the museum collection, which explore the panoramic views of 19th century from all reaches of the globe. Works in the exhibit range from pioneering photographs of Yosemite Valley to provocative paintings and graphics made in Brittany, as well as Hiroshige's scenes of travelers in the shadow of Mt. Fuji.

■ "The Subject is Art: 1400-1800," through July 7. The ex-

hibition reveals the breadth of paintings, drawings, prints, photographs and sculpture in the UC Berkeley Art Museum collections. Among the 50 works of art featured are European religious paintings and prints, portraiture from the 16th and 17th centuries, Indian miniatures, and late 18th century American portraits.

■ "Hans Hofmann: Real/Life," through May 26.

This exhibition in the Museum's Hofmann Gallery explores the sources of Hofmann's understanding of "the real" in abstract painting through comparisons with works by other modern artists including Wassily Kandinsky, Robert Delaunay and Alexej von Jawlensky.

■ "Ansel Adams in the University of California Collections," through March 10. The exhibition, drawn from the University of California's Bancroft Library Pictorial Collection, presents a different selection of Adams' work from inspirational scenes of California wilderness to photographs of the UC Berkeley campus and images he produced as a commercial photographer. The exhibition also includes personal material about Adams as well as informal and candid photographs of Adams himself.

■ "Fast Forward: An Exhibition Highlighting Our Growing Collection," through Feb. 24.

This exhibition looks at how the museum's art collections have grown in the past five years, with art ranging from Baroque and 19th century

works on paper to Conceptual art, historical Chinese paintings, Indian miniatures and photographs.

■ "The Asian Galleries —

"The Lady at the Window: Figurative Painting in the Qing Dynasty," through Feb. 28.

Women, scholar-poets, a demon-queller, as well as beggars and street vendors, make up this new exhibition exploring the way Chinese painters present the human figure in the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911). \$6 general; \$4 seniors and students ages 12 to 18; free children under 12 and UC Berkeley students; free Thursdays.

Wednesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. 2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. (510) 642-0808 or www.bampfa.berkeley.edu

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So, what effect did the switch of NBC's affiliation from KRON to KNTV have on the two stations' ratings? The helpful research staff at Oakland's rival KTVU was only too happy to provide the figures: In the two weeks following KRON's loss of NBC's shows Jan. 1, the San Francisco independent station lost a significant chunk — 8 percent — of its prime-time audience. Its 11 p.m. newscast, which was winning in the Nielsens, lost 9 percent of audience share. Nearly all of KRON's other newscasts also fell in the ratings, including its new local 5:30 newscast, where Tom Brokaw used to be. KNTV, meanwhile, while improving in the prime-time ratings with NBC shows, still underperformed KRON because of its weaker, San Jose-based signal. For example, the audience share for NBC's top-rated "Today Show" on KNTV dropped almost 50 percent after the switch. This allowed KTVU's locally produced "Mornings on Today," to jump into the morning Nielsen lead ... Viewing habits take a long time to change, but in time, KNTV should slowly pull bigger ratings. KNTV's multimillion-dollar saturation radio-ad campaign, one you've probably heard, is aimed at reminding viewers of the switch, and they're in it for the long haul: One local radio exec tells me the San Jose NBC affiliate has bought air time on his station all the way through October. .

They're attributing the decreasing importance of domain names (.com, .edu, etc.) to "The Google Effect," writes the San Jose Merc's tech columnist Dan Gilmour in a recent piece. Thanks to efficient search engines like Google, why does anyone need to type in the URLs of web sites not on your hotlist when you can simply go to ultra-fast Google and type in, say Southwest Airlines?

"Shipping News" News: This week's hot movie is doubtless "The Shipping News," and while it may be an OK film — the reviews are lukewarm —

Google's skyrocketing popularity — and efficiency — is now causing some to worry that it may become too powerful an Internet gatekeeper, but competition thrives on the net. To research the above Castro movie, for example, I needed an up-to-date bio of the bearded stogie lover, and Google took me first to CNN.com's excellent bio when I typed in "Fidel Castro ...".

KOIT morning man Jack Kulp, who has one of the largest audiences in the Bay Area, is about as pleasant and uncontroversial as anyone in radio. The devoted father of two young sons did admit to me last week at lunch that "sure, I'd like to talk more" on his morning-drive show on KOIT, a station that, after all, does bill itself as the "less talk" station. I made Kulp feel a bit better when I told him that talented long-time KABL morning man Bill Moen, now semi-retired in Lake County, went an incredible 17 years without even mentioning his name on the then-elevator-music station because of a silly policy that it was the music, not the personalities, that mattered. The final 16 years, Moen DID use his name on the show he did from KABL's transmitter site near the Oakland end of the Bay Bridge. "I eventually became so well-known on KABL," Moen chuckles, "that when I'd go into the Fairmont, the elevator operators would all stand at attention ...".

This week's rhetorical questions: Why is a KCBS traffic reporter selling bedding? And why would KRON allow one of its news anchors, Darya Folsom, be a film critic on its new morning show? Doesn't Channel 4 already have "Hat Lady" Jan Wahl to handle movie reviews? Speaking of movies, if you go to "Gosford Park" expecting to see a comedy ...

"Shipping News" News: This week's hot movie is doubtless "The Shipping News," and while it may be an OK film — the reviews are lukewarm —

there's no way a film can ever create a sense of how isolated the place is. Newfoundland, which few Californians have ever seen, is one of the bleakest spots imaginable; it's basically a huge, wind-whipped rock. And it has some of the friendliest people on earth (but alas, few eccentrics, like the movie might have you believe). Instead of Aggie or ethnic jokes, Canadians tell "Newfy" jokes, presumably because anyone who would live on that bone-chilling rock has to be nuts. A Montreal friend, late, well-known Canadian humorist and broadcaster Dave Patrick, once did a morning radio show in the capital, St. John's. He told me this colorful story about Newfoundland: "On any given day," he explained, "most Newfie men are out doing dead-end, back-breaking, life-threatening jobs, fishing or cutting timber. I was in a bar in St. John's one night," Patrick recalled, "and this drunk lumberjack with a head full of Screech (note: the local firewater) fires up his chain saw." (No, he wasn't homicidal. This is Canada, remember). Patrick: "The guy then proceeded to neatly slice the bar. He was just getting out of his frustrations, I guess." Patrick concluded: "If you couldn't get out of there, Bill, about all you could do was stand back and admire the guy's style. And I did." .

Today's fun trivia fact: Did you know that way-east Newfoundland has one of the world's few half-hour time zones? Absolutely true. When it's noon in New York, it's 12:30 in St. John's, eh? So there you have it today: Everything from guy ducks to drunken lumberjacks. Don't ever accuse THIS column of not offering variety!

(Questions, comments? E-mail Bill at Newsmann@sonic.net.)

she discovers his treasure-trove of giant candy bars.

This scene is a pivotal one, showing just how far "Monster's Ball" lies out of the reach of Hollywood. When Rokos and Adida were shopping their script around back in the mid-1990s, it generated great interest, but they were repeatedly told that such a scene would have to be softened. The expectation was that American audiences couldn't possibly have sympathy for a woman who hits and verbally abuses her child.

Thank goodness they kept it in, because this scene expresses far more about Leticia than any other scene could. It turns Berry from movie-star-slumming-it into a representation of the real women you can find in any city or small town in America. She's

at the end of her rope. She's miserable, in debt, and she wants something different for her child. Watching him sabotage himself makes her particularly crazy, because if Leticia has managed to hold onto one thing in her rotten life, it's her own beauty and her lithe body. She's poor as can be, but she knows she looks good in a tank top.

This interpretation may be the mind's way of explaining away Berry's stunning physicality in this Everywoman role, but it certainly fits. Let's hope Berry and Thornton both get recognized at Oscar time.

Mary Pols is the movie critic. She can be reached at 925-945-4741 or at mpols@cttimes.com.

Reviews

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brief drug references.) 1 hour, 51 minutes. B-

"SNOW DOGS": Miami dentist Ted Brooks (Cuba Gooding Jr.) finds out he was adopted when his biological mother, who piloted Alaskan sled dogs to championships, dies, and he sleights to the small town of Toketka to inventory and sell her belongings — including her valuable pack of huskies. A gruff sled-dog racer named Thunder Jack (James

Coburn) was one of his mother's chief competitors. He wants those dogs for himself, but Ted won't let him have them.

With the Arctic Challenge coming up, Ted would rather learn to race them himself. "Snow Dogs" is lightweight and predictable, and the dogs are just too cute, along with anamorphic counterparts that are so expressive, they're spooky. — C. Lemire. (PG; mild crude humor) 1 hour, 39 minutes. C

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Calendar

Submissions to the Community Calendar must be received Thursdays one week prior to publication. Listings are on a space-available basis.

Children

The Crowdron Center for Music in the Community (CCMC) introduces "Music Pathways," a new instrumental education program for children between the ages of five and 10. The programs begin Jan. 26. Music Pathways will act in collaboration with existing music education programs, including public and private schools, to provide the foundation upon which to build solid musical progress. For more information and registration packets, call Elisabeth Christensen at 559-6910 or visit the Web site at www.thecrowdron.org.

The El Cerrito Preschool Cooperative, 7200 Moeser Lane, hosts its open house from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 9. Call 526-1916 for more information.

Fall 2002 registration for Albany Preschool, 850 Masonic Ave., will take place from 9 to 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 26. Applications will be taken for the morning and afternoon programs for children who will be at least three-years-old by Dec. 2, 2002. Applications will be reviewed in the order received, with priority given to Albany residents. There is a \$25 non-refundable application fee to be paid at the time of registration. For more information, call the school at 527-6403.

The School of the Madeleine, 1225 Milvia St., Berkeley, will hold its annual Catholic Schools Week Open House from 10:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27. There will be a kindergarten information meeting at noon in the K classroom. Applications for kindergarten through eighth Grade are available. All are welcome. Check out the Web site at www.themadelaine.com for more information.

Teen Support Group meets twice a month Tuesday evenings at the Women's Cancer Resource Center, 3023 Shattuck Ave. The free support group is for teens who have a parent or caregiver with cancer. The meeting is co-facilitated by a teen whose mother had breast cancer. For more information, call PediatriCare at 531-7551.

Check out books from the Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center Library. Spend quality time with your kids, meet with the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is located at 1414 Walnut St. Hours: 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-0237.

Hall of Health, 2230 Shattuck Ave., a health exhibit museum of Children's Hospital Oakland, presents free puppet shows, 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. The Kids on the Block, the award-winning educational puppet troupe, features puppets with such conditions as cerebral palsy, blindness and Down syndrome. The Hall of Health is a

hands-on community, health-education museum and science center sponsored by Children's Hospital Oakland and Alta Bates Medical Center. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 549-9682.

The City of El Cerrito offers special programs for children from 22 months to 5 years of age. These programs are designed to offer parents an opportunity to leave their pre-school children in a safe atmosphere under qualified supervision. The program for ages 22 months to 3 1/2 years meets Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. to noon. Registration is continuous as long as space is available. Located at 7007 Moeser Lane. For more information, call Jude, 215-4371.

LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Group meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560.

The Ann Martin Children's Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821.

Lawrence Hall of Science, UC Berkeley's public science museum and center for K-12 science and math education offer three residential summer science camps, including two camps held at actual University of California field research stations, and three Sierra backpacking summer science camps. Each camp emphasizes fun outdoor science explorations through hands-on, inquiry-based activities, as well as lots of traditional camp fun. Each camp has a unique theme, and is designed for a specific age group. Call 642-2275 or e-mail to: lhscinfo@uclink.berkeley.edu. To register, call 642-5134.

"Theater Rats," Julie Morgan's kids' theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

Health

Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuropathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

YWCA Health and Community Education; drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

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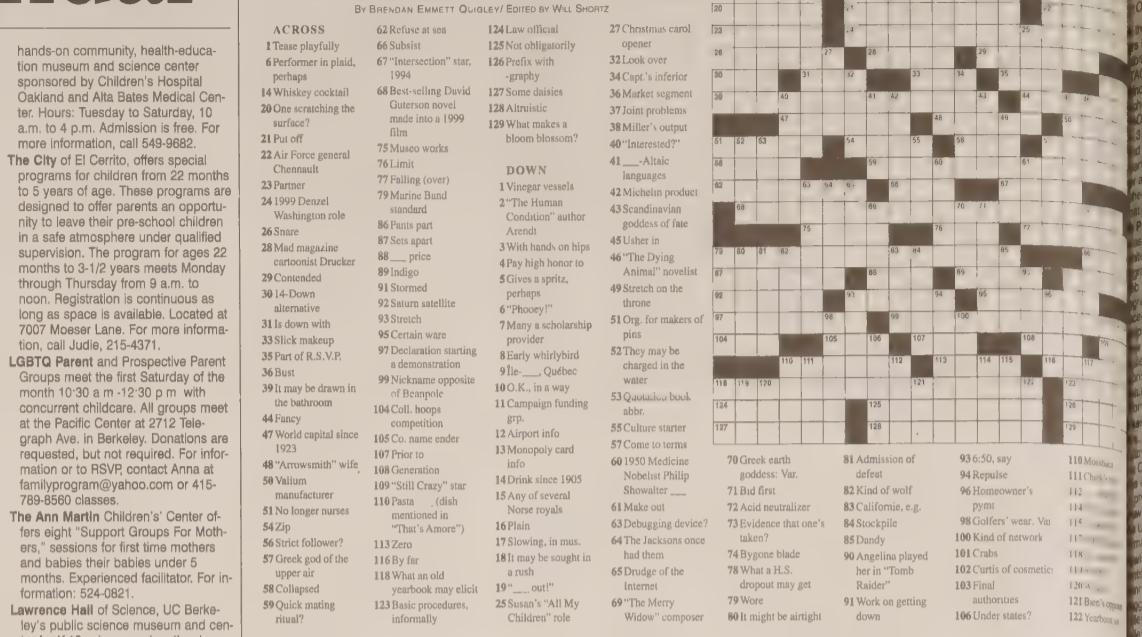
The Berkeley City Club offers a tour of its building at 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 27, at 2315 Durant Ave. Parking is available in the club lot east of the building. The Berkeley City Club designed in 1929 by architect Julia Morgan is a Historical Landmark and is listed in the National Registry of Historical Places. Tour fee is \$5, children under 12 free. Reservations are not required. For more information, call the Berkeley City Club at 848-7800.

UC Botanical Garden offers a rose pruning workshop by expert horticulturist Peter Klement from 9:30 a.m. to noon Saturday, Jan. 26, at 200 Cent-

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ROUGH OUTLOOK

BY BRENDAN EMMETT QUIGLEY / EDITED BY WILL SHORTZ



cluding hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. To register, or for more information, call the Office of Emergency Services, 644-5365.

TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) Chapter CA 1284 is now meeting from 7:15-8:30 p.m. every Thursday evening at Mira Vista UCC Church, 7075 Cutting Blvd. TOPS is a non-profit organization assisting men and women in weight control. For more information call Betty Coates at 235-0490. This chapter has moved from Richmond.

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment, leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine Ph.D. has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370.

Marion Rosen, founder of Rosen Method bodywork and movement, presents the Method through lecture, demonstration, and experimental practice. Rosen is joined in the presentation by Sara Webb, Senior Teacher of Rosen Method bodywork.

Location: Feldenkrais Resources, 830 Bancroft Way, Admission: \$10. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Abby Paige, at 845-6606.

Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes give basic, practical information, in-

cluding hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. To register, or for more information, call the Office of Emergency Services, 644-5365.

Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC-Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design on Alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. For additional information call 642-0808

Overeaters Anonymous meets Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin Avenues, in Room 2—the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For further information, call Katherine at 525-5231.

Toastmasters, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice-Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

Civil Rights activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington, P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701

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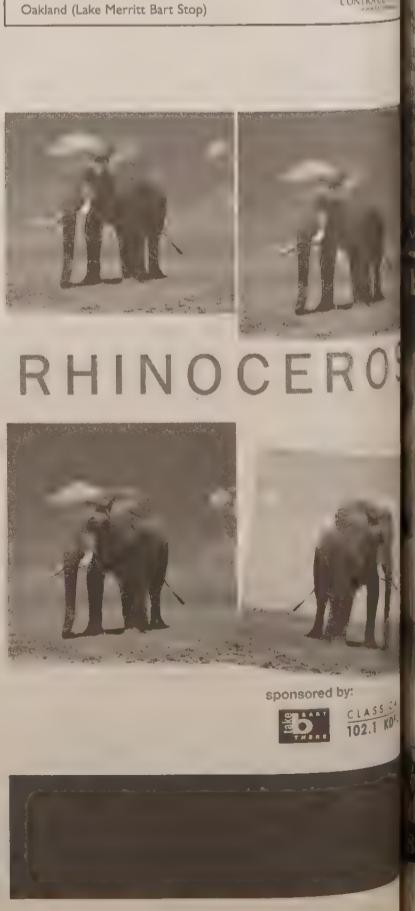
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The work of the late Jan Hart-Schuyler, Feb. 1 through March 13. The exhibit is part of "The Art for Living Black & White" open studio for local and American artists. Ms. Hart-Schuyler was the co-founder of the WCRC gallery hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday through Saturday. There is no charge admission and the gallery is wheelchair accessible. For more information, call 549-9286 ex. 307.

Alta Bates Medical Center presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for additional information.

New Pictures Gallery is located on Solano Avenue. New Pictures is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

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Eight renowned and cutting edge companies unite for an eclectic evening of dance, theater, and music. Tickets: \$15 students; seniors \$12. Call 326-4245 for more information.

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Literary Events

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Barnes & Noble Booksellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave., presents poets Valerie Coulton and Ed Smallfield at 7:30 p.m.

Special events are held throughout the year. The museum is located in the historic 1910 Carnegie Library in the Downtown area at the corner of Webster and Nevins Ave. Call 235-527-1214 for more information or to make a donation.

City of El Cerrito presents Open Studio ongoing classes on Monday 7 p.m. Experience with clay is not required, but necessary. Opportuni-

ties will be provided for students to explore areas of clay work. Demonstrations and instruction will be provided on request. Admission: \$7.50 residents, \$9.38 nonresidents. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Boulevard. For more information, call Judie at 215-4371.

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Meetings

Free seminar on Natural Learning Rhythms, a holistic understanding of child development, takes place from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Berkeley Public Library, Claremont Branch, 2940 Claremont. The program describes each stage of a child's life, natural pauses and transitions. Registration is required. Call 800-200-1107 for more information.

Berkley Camera Club meets at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday evenings, at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly held. For more information, call Don at 525-3565.

Julia Morgan Center for the Arts hosts an informational and discussion session regarding dance opportunities in the Bay Area. The center opens its doors to the dance community and presents its plans for Dance Week 2002 and for future dance performances on the stage of Julia Morgan Theatre. The event is free. RSVP to Bridget Frederick at bridge@juliamorgan.org or by calling 845-8542, ext. 302. Visit the Web site at www.juliamorgan.org for more details.

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Tickets: \$34 to \$49. To order tickets call 415-392-4400 or visit the Web site at www.philharmonia.org. For more information, call 415-252-1288.

The Distaff Singers, an established East Bay Women's chorus, is seeking new members. No auditions required, just a love of singing. Classical, pop, sacred, Broadway. Rehearsals Tuesday nights: 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Call Michelle 601-5624, or L.J. 482-1877.

Duckean Distones, featuring Donald Duck on piano, vocals, harmonica, Isaiah Dixon, Acoustic Bass, Michael Lankford, Drums and Larry Giustino on Fretless Gibson L4, perform every Saturday night from 10 to 11 p.m. at Anna's Place, 1801 University at Grant. All ages welcome.

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., presents Grateful Dead DJ night with Digital Dave and Jazz Z.D. on Thursday nights from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. Tickets are \$4. Call 594-1400 for additional information.

Friday Night Folk Dancing: 8 p.m. - 11 p.m.; no partners necessary for line dances taught from Rumania, Bulgaria, Israel, Turkey, Near East and other lands each Friday from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m., followed by request dances from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. No experience necessary - all ages welcome. Albany YMCA, 901 Kains Ave., \$4; call 525-1542.

Outdoors

Learn to feed and care for orphaned baby birds: house sparrows, starlings and pigeons are introduced species

that are not afforded care by rehabilitation groups. You can make an important contribution in returning these species to the wild life they deserve to have. Free training and some supplies. Call Myrna 531-3042 or Lella 655-5911.

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, offers "Scribble Time," a technique that helps participants understand themselves and to find focus. The group meets on Tuesdays by appointment and is free to YWCA members. Call 848-6370 for additional information, leave a message for Anne Levine.

East Bay Regional Park Botanical Garden Tilden Park, presents regular tours, seven days a week. Week days 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays, and Sundays 2 p.m. Special tours by appointment. Call 841-8730. For a schedule of upcoming classes call 925-820-1021.

Support

Alta Bates Medical Center presents a free support group for family, friends caring for older adults from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., on the third Wednesday of each month. The session takes place at the Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way, Berkeley, third floor, room 3369 (take elevator B). The group will focus

on the needs of older adults with serious medical problems, psychiatric illnesses, such as depression, dementia and/or substance abuse. For more information or if interested in a private consultation, call 802-1725.

The number of recent tragedies both locally and across the nation can evoke reactions that can affect us emotionally, physically, in our thoughts and behavior. Alameda County Crisis Support Services offers help through its 24-hour crisis line, grief counseling, education and community debriefing programs. Call 849-2212 for more information.

A free Yoga for Cancer class meets every Wednesday from 11:30 to 12:45 p.m. at the Alta Bates Comprehensive Cancer Center. The classes are open to both current patients and long-term survivors. Call Janet, 891-9560, for directions and more information.

Restorative Yoga class meets on Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in central Berkeley. Cost: \$10 per class. Easy, luxurious stretches and mindful breathing help to ease tension and discomfort and open the body to relaxation and well-being. Call Janet, 891-9560, for directions and more information.

Adult Survivors of Incest, a local support group in the east bay is being formed. The group will gather for heal-

ing discussions and also various activities, including hiking, dancing, classic film watching, traveling, or any fun activity. Interested participants, call Atica Peacock at 625-1698. Feel free to leave a message.

The pain and grief associated with the death of a loved one can often feel overwhelming — especially during the holidays. Many people suffer isolation. The grief counseling project is here to help. No one is turned away for lack of money. Call 889-1104.

"The Grief Care Community" offers 8-week bereavement support groups as well as art therapy grief groups, and individual support. Call 540-0830 for additional information.

The local self-help group for Berkeley National Multiple Sclerosis Society meets periodically. Call Toni at 653-4534 for additional information.

Alta Bates Medical Center Herrick Campus offers a guided relaxation and visualization for people with cancer every Thursday, 5-6 p.m., at its Comprehensive Cancer Center, first floor Conference Room, 2001 Dwight Way. The Center offers this solution with an innovative approach to reducing stress and anxiety and creating

positive, life-affirming images. Call 204-1811 for additional information. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

Alta Bates Medical Center, offers a Grief Education Class every third Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon at ABMC Herrick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. The class covers common and personal grief reactions. Fee: \$10. No one refused due to inability to pay. For further information, contact 841-2930.

Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers support group classes for stroke survivors and their families and friends on the first Tuesday of the month, from 4-5 p.m., at the Herrick Campus of Alta Bates Medical Center. There is no admission charge and advance registration is not necessary. Call 204-4503 for additional information.

The Comprehensive Cancer Center and Breast Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers a support group for friends and families coping with cancer. The support group is offered on the second

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(This is a teen who is part of the solution.)

I play a role in preventing teen pregnancy by participating in activities at the Amandela Project. As a peer educator we visit younger students at a local middle school to talk about preventing pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases. By doing this, not only am I informing others, but also I learn more myself. I think that it is important for young people to hear from each other about important issues like sex. Because a lot of times, we hear each other better.

Preventing teen pregnancy in my community means that everyone — teens and adults — needs to get involved and be a part of the solution, too.



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A resolution to reduce teen pregnancy

Each day more teens are making decision to get healthy, stay healthy, and to take personal responsibility for their behavior. It is everyone's responsibility to make sure teens live in an environment that helps them achieve healthy sexuality. Therefore, I resolve to do whatever I can, whenever I can to impact the choices that young people make and to support activities which promote healthy sexuality for our teens.

I can make a difference by:

- Talking openly and honestly with my children about sexuality
- Being involved in the lives of youth in my community through coaching, mentoring, or tutoring
- Providing job training and/or skills to young people
- Supporting healthy sexuality education in our schools
- Voting for legislation to increase health services and provide comprehensive sexuality education for teens
- Supporting teen friendly clinics in the community and referring young people to them
- Providing contraceptive access for youth
- Being engaged in my children's lives, listening to them, and supporting their goals

To truly have an impact on the high rate of teen pregnancies we must all resolve to work together and find ways to become involved.

Thank you to my parents, family members, educators, healthcare providers, legislators and faith leaders that have made a difference in my life and in my community. THANK YOU!

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and fourth Tuesday of each month. This is a free service. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

The Lupus Foundation of Northern California is still accepting applications for its Youth Pilot Support Program currently underway at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. The group meets monthly and is open to teens suffering from lupus and other rheumatic diseases. For more information, call (408) 954-8600 or visit www.baff.org.

The City of Berkeley Portable Meals program desperately needs drivers to deliver 15 meals once a week to homebound seniors. Call 644-8590.

The North Berkeley Senior Center is also seeking volunteers to work in its gift shop, coffee bar and dining area three to four hours, one day a week. Call 644-6107.

The Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education group presents Dorothy Dorenz, a state certified massage and movement therapist, who teaches self-healing methods. Bring a small pillow, and wear loose, comfortable clothing. For directions or more information, call 204-4503.

Lecture/Workshop

Lee Spanier, a pioneer on Humanistic Judaism, speaks on "Evolution of a Humanistic Jew," at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Jan. 25, at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Albany. Spanier helped form the nucleus of the Humanistic Judaism movement in 1969. All members and guests are welcome to celebrate at the Oneg Shabbat after the services. For more information call Marcia Grossman, president, at 428-1492.

The El Cerrito Preschool Co-op Board presents a workshop by child development expert and author, Bev Boss from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, at the El Cerrito Community Center. Boss will present a workshop entitled Creative Art, Music and Language. She is the author of three books on the creative lives of young children. Call 236-9558 for more information.

UC Botanical Garden offers a free plant clinic from 9 a.m. to noon, first Saturday of every month at Strawberry Canyon, 200 Centennial Drive. For more information, call 643-2755.

Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center expanded its collection of contemporary fiction, nonfiction and children's books. Meet the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is open to the public. Hours: 11 and 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. For more information, call 848-0237.

Tai Chi Chuan and Chi-kung classes take place at Berkeley Unitarian Church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and 9 a.m. Saturday mornings at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St. People of all ages and physical conditions are welcome to practice. Donation: \$65. To sign up call 268-4995.

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Learn Computer Applications for the "working" world Using Windows '95 and '98 and Microsoft Office 2000 software. Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Publisher. Class offered: Monday-Friday, 2:15-6:15 p.m. Location: Contra Costa County Office of Education, 13925 San Pablo Ave., Suite No. 111, San Pablo. For information call 237-0840 or visit the web site at www.cccoe.k12.ca.us/rop.

"What Is Meditation?" is a peaceful and practical introduction to the basics of meditation. The free seminar takes place at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Pragito Dove is the facilitator. Call 644-0861 for additional information. Emotions Anonymous: Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8226 for Berkeley location.

Theater, Dance & Film

Learn easy international folk dances, fun for all ages at the Albany YMCA, 921 Kains Ave. No experience necessary. Wear comfortable shoes and come prepared for a good time. Admission: Adults \$2 and \$1 for kids. For more information, call 525-1130.

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Classes

Vista Community College offers classes in Adventure Travel, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursdays through May 23. The course covers various kinds of adventure travel: hard adventure, soft adventure, and cultural/spiritual adventure. The curriculum includes adventure travel specials such as biking, mountaineering, overland trips, safaris, rafting, hiking, small boat and expedition-style cycling, and more. For more information, call 981-2931.

Albany Adult School offers classes in

Chinese, Dutch, French, German, Italian and Spanish this quarter. Most classes meet in the evening once a week for 10 weeks. A few are offered in the afternoon also. Meet at 601 San Gabriel Ave. in Albany, or across the street at the Albany Middle School. Average cost is \$48 plus books. Call the Adult School at 559-6580 for more information.

Folkdance classes, Mondays 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Arlington Community Church, 53 Arlington Ave. (across from the Kensington Library). Simple and clear lessons for people of all levels. Emphasis is good music and fun. Cost: \$30 for 6-week session (pro-rated fees apply), \$8 for drop in session. For more information, call Mel Harte, at 848-5289 before 9 p.m.

Vista Community College, 2020 Milita St., offers its new Sunrise College this spring with classes in accounting, e-commerce, business, Java programming, English, ESL, statistics and Spanish for business professionals. Classes start at 7 a.m. and end at 9 a.m. Call 981-2800 for more information.

Assets Senior Employment offers a job training program for income-eligible people 55 and older living in Oakland, Emeryville, Berkeley and Albany. Learn when you learn. Interested in working with children? You can receive college credit in Early Childhood Development while being paid. Class starts soon. Call 238-3554 for more information.

The Albany YMCA offers after school classes for elementary and middle school age children. The YMCA offers sports and dance programs, gymnasiums and Hip Hop and enrichment programs such as cooking, sewing and art. Financial assistance always available. For more information, call 525-1130.

Julia Morgan Center for the Arts, 2640 College Ave., offers a family-friendly program of classes, workshops and activities taught by professional teaching artists, all aimed at bringing arts participation into people's everyday lives. Classes take place at the Julia Morgan Center for the Arts. For more information, including complete class descriptions, fees, and instructor bios, see www.juliamorgan.org or call 845-8542 for a brochure.

The Berkeley Adult School (BAS) offers Adult Basic Education classes, High

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The South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis St., offers a variety of classes. For additional information and class scheduling, call 883-5222.

Interview Clinics sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are \$15 for YWCA members and \$20 for non-members. Call the Center at 848-6370 and leave a message to reserve an appointment time. Be sure to leave a name and telephone number.

Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, presents Scribble Time on Tuesdays, by appointment. The class is free to YWCA members. This technique is designed to help individuals understand themselves better. Call 848-6370 for additional information. Leave a message for Anne Levine.

The Ecology Center, 2530 San Pablo Ave., presents an introductory class for the home fruit grower. Proper pruning increases the flavor and size of fruit, as well as preserves the health and longevity of the tree. There will also be a demonstration of various pruning tools. The class is taught by Greg Peck, owner of an organic landscape and garden design business in the East Bay. Cost is \$10 for non-members; \$7.50 for members. Call 548-2220 to reserve a space.

The van der Zanden Studio, 1025 Carlton, No. 9, offers sculpture classes. All levels. Call 843-9445 for additional information.

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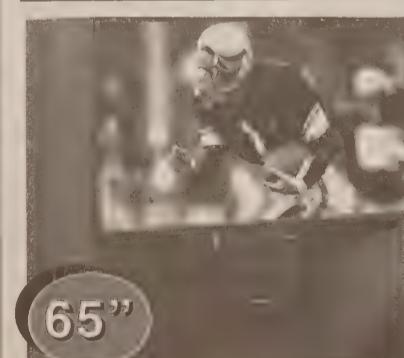
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Section D

Generation Gap: Toyota improves its hybrid Prius [D3]



As the auto world turns

By PACHECO AUTOMOTIVE NEWS SERVICE
Lutz rules, Ford regresses, VW battles, Lincoln Mercury

cools and BMW loses
steam.
We all know that there's more to
the auto business than new designs
and zero financing. This week we
bring readers some of the recent
inside goings on that keep the
world of wheels rolling:

General Motors Invests In
Cunningham exotic car: There's
an old adage that says "It's good
to be king" and right now Robert
Lutz, late of Exide Technologies (the
battery guys) by way of Chrysler
Corporation, is, if not King, definitely
the Crown Prince of General Mo-

litz took over as GM product
president to invigorate the
aging GM lineup with new
products and dynamic thinking.

Before signing on with General
Motors, Lutz had as a pet project:
resurrection of the Cunningham,
sports car developed by the
legendary Briggs Cunningham in the
1950s.

Cunningham took the American
and American engineering to
24 Hours of Le Mans endurance
race where he and his crew of
solitaire racers astonished and de-
voted European fans.

It must have enthralled the then-
young Lutz as well. His Cunningham
project was recently casting

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THE 2002 SIERRA DENALI has a new rear axle system but the same 6.0-liter V-8 engine that powers other GM pickups and SUVs

Sierra Denali pickup is an amazing luxury machine

By PACHECO AUTOMOTIVE NEWS SERVICE

The GMC Sierra, like most of
GM's full-sized pickups, is available
in a dazzling, and sometimes con-
fusing, array of configurations.

They include regular or ex-
tended cabs, long or short cargo
boxes, rear, four or all-wheel drive
and lots of trim levels.

This week we test GMC's latest
flagship: the Sierra Denali, which
comes in one easy form — fully
loaded, extended cab, short box
pickup.

Outside: GM introduced a new
look to its full-sized pickups a few

years ago when designers trimmed
the corners and flared the fenders
to give them a more brawny look.

The chrome grille and headlights
wrap slightly into the front fenders,
and the integrated front bumper
houses a pair of driving lights and
a slim air intake.

It has body-color rub strips and
door handles and chrome tubular
side steps, which are part of the Denali
package.

To accommodate a new rear
axle system, the rear fenders now
have more of a flare than that of the
regular Sierra. A body-color hard

plastic bed cover is standard fare,
as are six-spoke alloy wheels and
17-inch all-season tires.

Inside: Sierra Denali is plush
and comfortable inside with soft,
luxurious leather upholstery.

We appreciate the seat-mounted
shoulder belts, which require very
little twisting to grab and snap. This
also keeps them out of the way of
people climbing into the rear seat.

The leather upholstery has con-
trasting shades of color and the con-
veniently located controls are easy
to reach and simple to operate.

A profusion of cup holders will
hold nearly any size container, while
the multi-function Driver Message
Center details such information as
transmission oil temperature and
other specific operating parameters.

There's an array of standard fea-
tures including power windows, mir-
rors, front seats and door locks, a
rear window defogger, air condi-
tioning, a six-disc CD changer, rear
seat audio controls and remote key-

less entry.

On the Road: Sierra Denali is
powered by a 6.0-liter V-8 engine
that is shared with many other GM
pickups and SUVs. It's tuned differ-
ently for the various makes and
models and in the case of the Sierra
Denali, it develops a healthy 325
horsepower and 370 stump-pulling
pound-feet of torque.

It's a relatively new design that
replaced the aging 5.7-liter "350"
that was used in some form since
1955 in General Motors vehicles.

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MATT AND BOB HAGIN
Generation Gap

Toyota Prius gets better with age

PACHECO AUTOMOTIVE NEWS SERVICE
Bob: When we were first introduced to Toyota Prius a few years back, we were at a definite disadvantage. It was a pre-production model and while it was basically the same vehicle as the 2002 version we recently had, it was made using Japanese automotive press and its steering wheel was on the right side of the cockpit. Its speedometer was calibrated in kilometers and even the gas gauge read differently.

It was a tough car for me to drive, especially in downtown traffic. I owned a right-hand-drive car many years ago but it was hard to get used to that driving position.

But this latest version is totally convenient.

Matt: It's conventional to the driver and passengers unless they're aware of the meaning of the word "hybrid."

The Prius is one of the first production cars in the world to use both electricity and gasoline as sources of power. Its engine is a 1.5-liter four-cylinder that puts out 70 horses.

It uses all the usual Toyota "trick" stuff with overhead cams, four valves per cylinder and variable valve timing but its output is relatively low because it is an extra 44 horse boost from a very sophisticated electric motor.

The car operates either on gasoline or electricity or on both via a design that trim the system to keep it in its most efficient operating mode and as the car goes along, the gasoline engine keeps the battery pack charged.

Bob: The Prius has a new state-of-the-art automatic transmission this year, too, continuously variable in that there are gears except for reverse.

More or less "chooses" the right drive mode for the road speed the driver has chosen and the load put on the engine.

This new transmission boosts the fuel usage slightly and makes the system more pollution-free. The whole layout is more revolutionary and it will probably affect the way all cars are built in the future.

Matt: But there's nothing revolutionary about the rest of the car.

It's a true compact five-seater, although three passengers in back would have a very slender as well as short-legged, as a somewhat high-waisted stance and high belt line.

The nose rises abruptly and blends almost continuously with the windshield. Its silhouette drops off in back almost as well.

There's a curved crease on top of the wheel openings that blends into the side doors and there's also a crease just above the rear wheel opening as well.

Rather than being added as "cosmetic" I suspect that these creases are to add structural rigidity to the body. It's not the kind of car that a family buys for its aesthetic styling. The Prius is becoming less of a novelty around here now. I'm told that the average buyer is a person who is anxious to do his or her bit to protect the environment as well as get out-of-pocket gasoline mileage.

Bob: The chassis is pretty conventional, it has the usual MacPherson struts up front and a torsion beam axle in back.

Since it's definitely not performance-oriented, Toyota didn't feel it necessary to use brakes in back, but the system has an electrical regeneration system that also helps recharge the battery pack when the car is coasting downhill.

An anti-skid brake system is built into it as well.

Matt: The Prius isn't the most fuel efficient vehicle in the U.S. but its hybrid components are both two-door coupes with minimal cargo space and are lighter than the rest by almost 800 pounds.

But the Prius is economical enough that the city and state of New York bought 300 of them last year to put into their motor pool

With an acceleration time of over 12 seconds, they won't be put into service as police cars but they're conventional enough for city and state workers won't have to change their driving styles.

And the company likes to brag on the fact that since the Prius puts out 90 percent less harmful emissions than, say, a New York taxi cab, a Prius in town is injecting more pollutants into its engine than going out the tail pipe.

Bob: Now if all the vehicles in New York would be hybrids, the pollution problems of the city would be cleaned up overnight.

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THE 2002 PRIUS hybrid comes with a continuously variable transmission and runs on gas and electricity for 52 miles per gallon in city driving.

TOYOTA PRIUS

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| Suggested Retail | \$19,995 |
| Price as Tested | \$23,341 |
| Engine Type | DOHC 16-valve 1.5-liter L4 w/SMFI/Perm Magnet |
| Engine Size | .92 cid/1497 cc |
| Horsepower | .114 @ 4,500 rpm (gas & electric combined) |
| Torque | .340 @ 4,200 rpm (gas & electric combined) |
| Transmission | Continuously variable (CVT) |
| Curb Weight | 2,765 pounds |
| Fuel Capacity | 11.9 gallons |
| Tires | (F/R) 175/65R14 all-season |
| Brakes | (F/R) Disc (ABS)/drum (ABS) |
| Drive Train | Front-engine/all-wheel drive |
| Vehicle Type | Five-passenger/four-door |
| Mileage | .City/highway 52/45 |

*Sequential multi-port fuel injection

Solo

FROM PAGE D1

GM chose to use a traditional design for this series of engines, passing on fancy overhead camshafts and multiple valves per cylinder and focusing on a cam-in-block layout with two valves per cylinder.

There's plenty of power on tap at nearly any speed.

Mated to this is GM's award-winning 4L65-E electronically-controlled four-speed automatic transmission and modern viscous-type center differential that automatically delivers grip to the front wheels if needed and requires no driver input to engage its all-wheel drive system.

Behind the Wheel: The Sierra Denali incorporates a

revolutionary four-wheel steering system called Quadasteer by GM. It's an electro-mechanical device that can turn the rear wheels up to 12 degrees in relation to the front wheels.

This not only shortens the truck's turning radius by almost 10 feet compared to the same truck without four-wheel steering, but it makes parking more simple and maneuvering a trailer easier than ever.

It uses three driving modes: 2WS allows the truck to operate like a standard Sierra without the system.

In 4WS mode at slow speeds, the rear wheels turn in the opposite direction of the front wheels.

At higher speeds, the rear wheels turn in the same direction as the front wheels for better stability during lane changes and other

high-speed maneuvers. 4WS "Tow" reduces the amount of rear-wheel steer at lower speeds and increases it at higher speeds to provide better stability while towing.

This system also features a different rear axle that increases both payload and towing capacity over that of the Sierra Denali without four-wheel steering.

The truck also features driver-selectable shock absorber damping that offers the choice of a smooth ride or a heavy-duty ride for more control or for trailering.

Four-wheel disc brakes are standard, as is an anti-lock braking system (ABS).

Safety: Dual dashboard and side-impact airbags, daytime running headlights and side-impact door beams are standard.

GMC SIERRA DENALI

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| Suggested Retail | \$43,385 |
| Price as Tested | \$44,105 |
| Engine Type | .OHV 6.0-liter V-8 w/SMFI* |
| Engine Size | 364 cid/5967 cc |
| Horsepower | 325 @ 5,000 rpm |
| Torque | 370 @ 4,000 rpm |
| Transmission | Four-speed automatic |
| Curb Weight | 5,503 pounds |
| Fuel Capacity | .26 gallons |
| Tires | (F/R) P265/70R17 Touring |
| Brakes | (F/R) Disc (ABS)/drum (ABS) |
| Drive Train | Front-engine/all-wheel drive |
| Vehicle Type | .Five-passenger/four-door |
| Mileage | .City/highway 11/14 |

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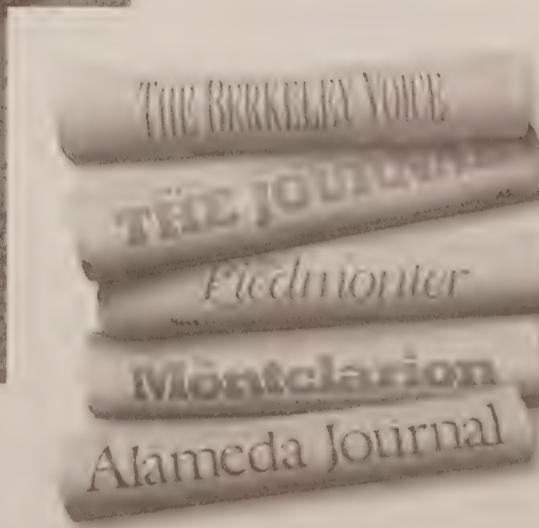
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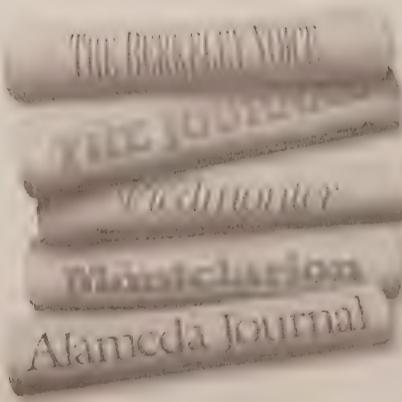
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scale goes down
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In restaurant menus, look for high-ticket ingredients replaced by less costly alternatives. For example, lamb shank instead of lamb, or chicken instead of duck. Look, too, for more daily items such as filled omelets and hearty soups that offer chefs opportunity to recycle ingredients.

comfort food

Home cooks will continue to look for the foods of their memories. Grandmother used to make stews, meat loaf, roast beef, mashed potatoes and cakes.

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ME COOKS will continue to look for the food of their memories: Things grandmother used to make.

According to New York City nutrition consultant Clark Wolf, "Now comfort is comforting — and when it's more show-off, it's communal cooking."

chemicals

Residents will continue to generate in nutrition circles as researchers in 2002 discover even about the health benefits of phytochemicals found in fruits and vegetables. Many of these natural antioxidants have been shown to guard against cancer, heart and other illnesses by neutralizing "free radicals," which can damage healthy cells.

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Phyllis Bowen, associate professor of human nutrition at the University of Illinois at Chicago, says that specific antioxidant vitamins such as C and E will be studied, as will the phytochemical anthocyanin (found in blueberries, raspberries and cranberries), which is thought to improve mental acuity.

Organic goes mainstream

Americans will increasingly "go organic" — but not where you'd expect. Organic products totaled \$7.8 billion in sales in 2000, according to a report by the Food Marketing Institute, which found that 69 percent of shoppers surveyed said they bought their organic products at their primary supermarket. This was borne out by the Organic Trade Association, which reports that mass-market supermarkets accounted for 45 percent of organic sales.

One-dish dining

With the recession officially under way, look for more meals to be prepared at home. But American diners, accustomed to the convenience of takeout meals and restaurant cooking, are even less interested now in spending a lot of time fixing dinner. That's why you'll see a steady growth in fix-it-fast meal kits and comfort food in stores, such as the new Stouffer's Slowfire Classics, Campbell's Supper Bakes and Ragu Express pasta dishes. Even the side dish is disappearing, according to NPD's Harry Balzer, as consumers skip the extra step needed to make an extra dish, and instead throw vegetables into one-dish meals such as stir-fries, stews and casseroles.

Super-ply panache

It's the age of "super-ply" in home cookware. The trend for pots and pans will be anything "clad," according to the Cookware Manufacturers Association. Even the humble saucepan may be made with up to nine separate pieces of metal. In these new pans, a stainless-steel bottom (and sometimes a stainless interior) wraps around

layers of aluminum or copper. The multiple metals improve heat conductivity that stainless alone can't give. Traditional copper pans are superb heat conductors but also are expensive and time-consuming to maintain. The new pans combine the best of both worlds.

Cow safety

The USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service released a risk analysis Nov. 30 about the prospects for mad cow disease in the United States, which up to now has avoided Britain's fate. The "executive summary" of the analysis, produced by scenario modeling at Harvard University's school of public health, predicts little threat to American cattle, and even less to burger lovers.

If BSE (bovine spongiform encephalopathy) has been introduced into the U.S., as has been suggested by some observers, the course of the disease has been arrested and it is destined for eradication by the measures currently in place," the authors conclude.

Doubters, such as the Center for Science in the Public Interest and Public Citizen, object to how much money Harvard's Center for Risk Analysis gets from the very industries whose issues it studies.

Color craze

Maybe Heinz started the fad last year with green ketchup (purple has since been added). Parkay now has neon pink and blue squeeze margarine, and Dannon Sprink'lins includes "sparkle packets" to stir into cups for boldly colored yogurt. Behind this trend: Getting to Mommy through Junior. Expect to see more surprising hues in otherwise ordinary food products, say industry watchers.

Vitamins with your water

Neither man nor woman can live by wine alone, but the new-product gnomes are making strides toward a pure water diet. Energy Brands, a New York State company, has introduced Glaceau Vitaminwater.

"the must-have accessory of the modern consumer" on-the-go lifestyle." It is a line of 11 low-calorie, vitamin- and electrolyte-enhanced flavors of water, each in a distinctive color. "Endurance peach," for example, contains vitamin E and ginseng. "Focus kiwi-strawberry" offers vitamin A, ginkgo biloba and goji kola.

More dessert, please

Restaurant customer numbers and per-customer spending have sagged since the Sep. 11 tragedies, but the expense of employing a pastry chef is paying dividends for fine-dining establishments. Dessert sales have gone up in this down market, and heightened demand should continue in the coming year.

For instance, Mary McMahon, executive pastry chef at the Italian Village in the Loop in Chicago, reports a 10 percent to 12 percent increase in dessert orders over a year ago. On a recent weekend, 65 percent of the diners in the Village's up-scale Vivere dining room ordered desserts such as chocolate hazelnut ganache tart and warm chocolate molten cake with chocolate mousse and deep-fried

chocolate truffles. Will stay-at-home dessert-lovers be eating these? Not likely. The very definition of "dessert" also is broadening. A cheesecake that is savory, not sweet, is selling well on the Vivere dessert menu.

Food security

"Making food safe" used to be all about bacterial contamination of raw foods and the cleanliness of kitchens, at home and in restaurants. But the boom in the security business since September's terror attacks has extended to "food security" as well.

The National Center for Food Safety, a public-private venture in south suburban Summit, is touring the state with a seminar that teaches smaller processors the basics: screening employees, securing the physical plant, and procedures to safeguard raw and finished products. Center Director Charles Sizer predicts that prevention of food tampering will be high on processors' agendas in 2002.

On a national scale, the Senate's Bioterrorism Preparedness Act proposes broadening the authority of the Food and Drug Administration and the Agriculture Department to inspect imports and the records of domestic food processors. Consolidation of various federal agencies' food-safety functions also has been proposed.

Self-serve supermarkets

The need for speed is everywhere, especially in the supermarket and most especially at the checkout. That may explain why some customers would rather scan products themselves, and why supermarkets are increasingly willing to oblige them.

"Self-scanning has grown in various pockets around the country," says Michael Sansolo, senior vice president of Food Manufacturers Institute, a trade group for the supermarket industry. "For a quick trip, it's much simpler for shoppers."

"The customers who use self-checkout are usually in a hurry and

don't mind technology," said Karen Ramos, director of public relations for Jewel-Osco supermarkets, which opened its first self-scanner in July and now has seven in place for customers with 15 or fewer items. Self-scanning won't replace clerks but usually occupies one or two aisles in stores that offer it. Expect to see it grow.

Dish of the year

Mac & cheese earns Good Eating's predictions as the most yearned-for dish in 2002, at least until the weather warms up again. Who can resist? Plump pasta ne-



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MAC & CHEESE earns Good Eating's predictions as the most yearned-for dish in 2002.

tied and baked with creamy Cheddar cheese sauce until the whole thing mingles and melds. Trust us, this is not just food for kids!

Spanish libations

As in any country that throws off the cloak of tradition, modern Spain embraces the new. Wine is no exception. From the staid bodegas of Rioja to the shiny stainless-steel tanks of Galicia, bold experiments are resulting in a new species of wines, brighter and more vibrant than those of the past. Not only are these wines priced attractively when they reach American wine shops and restaurants, the reds also have

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been aged by the producer before release and are truly ready to drink. Look for reds from Navarra, Ribera del Duero and Rioja; and whites from Galicia.

Cooking schools come back

Across the country after Sept. 11, couples with show-off home kitchens began to take cooking classes to learn to use them, while younger couples and singles have been signing up too, hoping to eat better — and more cheaply — when they eat at home. Look for the trend to continue in 2002.



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THE TREND toward handmade, small-batch foods such as cheeses will continue in 2002.

Artisan attention

The trend toward handmade, small-batch foods will continue as consumers seek higher quality. Artisan cheeses from small farms in Europe or America, rustic breads from high-quality bakeries, chocolates made by hand, even olive oil from "estates" in Italy and California — all will find their way to our cupboards in 2002. According to Howard Solganick, an Ohio-based supermarket industry consultant, "I don't know how else to put it, but once you taste really good bread, it's hard to go back to Wonder."

Greens go global

With the multi-ethnic makeup of American diners, look for more markets to stock edibles such as

mustard greens, water spinach, sea vegetables, chards, bok choy, "dinosaur" and other hearty greens.

Expanding cookbooks

Publishers are learning that cookbook buyers want a lot more information when they wade into recipes. Check out the growing inclusion of background information, extensive glossaries, kitchen tips, supplier lists, menu ideas, wine suggestions, measurement conversion charts and other hand-holding hints. These soon-to-be-standard extras appeal not only to eager cooks but to the totally clueless. Two upcoming examples: "Lorenza's Italian Season" from Lorenza de Medicis (Trafalgar Square), with holiday menus and preservation tips; and

an American regional barbecue book from Dallas writer Dottie Griffith (Simon & Schuster), packed with history, cooking tips, Web sites and a bibliography.

Next hot-shot chef?

If the king of Chicago chefs, Charlie Trotter, is lured to London as rumored, who might inherit the mantle of Chicago's most prestigious chef? Good Eating ventures a guess that many will be willing. From among a bumper crop of talented chefs in their 30s, we vote for the following candidates: Paul Khan of Blackbird, Shawn McClain of Spring, Sandro Gamba of NoMi and Michael Kornick of MK.

Chill-free foods

Shelf-stable foods (which do not

require refrigeration) will be in the supermarket aisle. Art Siemering, editor of *Associates' Food Chain* wire newsletter, it's another convenience-oriented habit.

"We'll see continuing among shelf-stable and canned items in general," said. "The bowl form lots of unexplored possibilities including the conversion of existing canned items. Wholesome vegetables that directly to the table?"

Andy Baderke, Kristen Enna, Carol Mignone, William Rice and Research of the Chicago Tribune's food section contributed to this report.

Making a savory loaf of bread doesn't have to be an all-day chore

BY BONNIE WALKER

SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS-NEWS

When planning a slow-cooked, hearty stew for dinner, try making a savory, homemade loaf of bread to go with it.

Thanks to the bread machines that were introduced about 10 years ago, this won't require asking the boss for an afternoon off.

Since January is National Bread Machine Baking Month, we might take a brief moment to consider this invention. Bread machines weren't what you'd call an overnight sensation — it took three years to sell the first million machines. In the ensuing years, however, the machines rose to the top of many consumers' most-wanted list.

Now, an estimated 25 million Americans have one. The devices can make loaves as large as 2 pounds, and faster machines have cut the preparation time by 75 percent, or to about an hour.

Though I haven't used mine in about a year, I know that I will again, though not exactly the way the makers originally intended.

I use my machine to mix and knead the dough when I don't have the time or energy to do so. It's a clean, easy way to get bread dough, which you can then manipulate to your own ends.

Shape long loaves for French bread, make dinner rolls, or pizza crust, bread sticks, burger buns or what have you.

This method doesn't produce artisan quality bread, but it can produce a sense that you actually had a hand in making it.

Another thing to consider: Bread machine makers and the makers of Fleischmann's yeast suggest using bread flour for bread machine bread.

Why? Bread flour is a specially formulated high gluten blend of 99 percent hard wheat flour, with barley flour and vitamin C or potassium bromate (which increases the elasticity of the gluten). The gluten structure of all-purpose flour isn't designed to hold up to the vigorous kneading that goes on inside the bread machine.

The Cheddar Bread's robust flavor would go well with a hearty beef stew, or a vegetarian tomato-based chili. The boldly flavored Black Pepper-Onion Bread would be delicious made into a long, baguette shape

and served with grilled chicken or meat. Potato Rosemary Rolls save time by calling for potato flakes, but the Sour Cream 'n' Chive Potato Bread promises to be moist and appealing by using freshly cooked potatoes.

Try the Roasted Pepper-Olive Loaf with an Italian-flavored stew, such as braised lamb shanks with lots of garlic and red wine.

Using the right flour, shaping the finished dough yourself and exploring some interesting varieties of breads should yield some delicious results to go with that pot of soup or stew for a cold-weather meal.

CHEDDAR BREAD
3/4 cup water (70 to 80 degrees)
1 large egg
1 teaspoon salt
3 cups bread flour
1 cup shredded sharp Cheddar cheese

2 tablespoons sugar

1 teaspoon bread machine yeast

Add ingredients to bread machine pan in the order recommended by manufacturer, adding cheese with flour.

Recommended cycle: basic/white bread cycle; medium/normal crust color setting. Do not use delayed-bake feature.

Makes 12 slices (a 1 1/2-pound loaf).

Source: *Fleischmann's Yeast*

POTATO ROSEMARY ROLLS

Dough:
1 cup plus 2 tablespoons water (70 to 80 degrees)

2 tablespoons olive oil

1 teaspoon salt

3 cups bread flour

1/2 cup instant potato flakes or 1/2 cup

1/2 cup

roasted red bell peppers or pimentos

2 tablespoons sliced pitted ripe olives or Kalamata olives, drained

1 tablespoon butter or margarine/1 teaspoon salt

3 cups bread flour

3 tablespoons nonfat dry milk powder

1 tablespoon sugar

1 1/2 teaspoons minced dried onions

3/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1/4 teaspoon garlic powder

2 teaspoons yeast for bread machines

Add ingredients to bread machine pan in the order suggested by manufacturer.

Recommended cycle: basic/white bread cycle; medium/normal color setting. Timed-bake feature can be used.

Note: Dough can be prepared in 1 1/2 and 2-pound bread machines.

Makes 12 servings (a 1 1/2-pound loaf).

Source: *Fleischmann's Yeast*

ROASTED PEPPER OLIVE LOAF

3/4 cup water

3 tablespoons drained, diced roasted red bell peppers or pimentos

2 tablespoons sliced pitted ripe olives or Kalamata olives, drained

1 tablespoon butter or margarine/1 teaspoon salt

3 cups bread flour

3 tablespoons nonfat dry milk powder

1 1/2 teaspoons minced dried onions

3/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1/4 teaspoon garlic powder

2 teaspoons yeast for bread machines

Add ingredients to bread machine pan in the order suggested by manufacturer.

Recommended cycle: basic/white bread cycle; medium/normal color setting. Timed-bake feature can be used.

Note: The onion and pepper give this delicious bread a bold-enough character to serve with grilled or broiled meats or poultry. If using a finer grind of pepper, reduce the amount to 1/4 teaspoon.

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Unregulated and risky — dietary supplement industry

BY MARIAN BURROS

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The dietary supplement industry has always been the Wild West of health, unregulated and risky. There has been no way to know whether a bottle contained what the label said it did and no way to know whether the supplement was effective.

Now, in the absence of government oversight, several private companies are getting into the business of testing and certifying dietary supplements. While some critics of the supplement industry are pleased to see any effort at all, others shake their heads in dismay, certain that consumers will be more confused and enlightened.

Unlike prescription and over-the-counter drugs, for which the Food and Drug Administration has stringent regulations, there is virtually any government oversight of the safety and efficacy of vitamins, minerals and herbal and other dietary supplements. Not even the venerable USP seal from the United States Pharmacopeia, the organization that sets standards for vitamins and minerals recognized by the government, means that products have been certified by an independent source. Compliance to the standards is voluntary, and the use of the USP seal is frequently monitored. Only the manufacturer knows if the label information accurately reflects the actual contents and their strength.

The three companies that will test dietary supplements — United States Pharmacopeia, ConsumerLab.com and NSF International — test to see if the contents and potency listed on the label of a product are accurate. But these tests will not provide the answers to the public's real needs: Are these products safe and effective?

What's more, none will reveal which products failed tests, and there are many unsettled issues about consistent testing methods. Such partial certification may have unintended consequences, leading consumers to believe that a seal on a label of a supplement is also a guarantee that it is safe and that it works. Even the certifiers acknowledge the problem. "In terms of efficacy, there are going to be consumers who will not look carefully around the seal and won't go to look at the Web site or may perhaps interpret the seal as covering more than it actually does," said Ray Jaglowski, the vice president for business development at NSF, a nonprofit organization in Michigan known for its certification of drinking water. Certification of supplements is a new endeavor for NSF. "We are doing the best we can to provide accurate information," he said, "but recognize it's not going to be perfect."

Bonnie Liebman, the director of nutrition for the Center for Science in the Public Interest, said such programs have more pluses than negatives. "Clearly some people mistakenly believe that this stamp of approval guarantees safety and effectiveness," she said. "It is still better to have the test than have consumers buy products blind, because we know there are some products that are less than what they think."

According to ConsumerLab.com, the 20 top-selling dietary supplements — 500 products in all — it evaluated, 15 percent of vitamins and minerals and 40 percent of other dietary supplements failed their tests, principally because they contained less of the active ingredient than the label claimed. A few had too much of certain vitamins, and some failed because they contained pesticides or heavy metals, such as lead in calcium. The company would not reveal the brand names of the supplements tested, only the general category: calcium, coenzyme Q10, zinc, echinacea, gingko biloba, glucosamine, chondroitin, MSM, multivitamins, omega-3 acids, SAMe, saw palmetto, St. John's wort, valeren, isoflavones like red clover, and C, E and B vitamins.

The push to certify has its roots in the 1994 Dietary Supplement Health and Education Act, essentially treating supplements like drugs. Problems with safety and questions about efficacy have contributed to a decline in supplement sales that began in 1998 and has not yet stopped.

Consumers are interested and concerned about the quality of products they are hearing negative things about, and some type of seal would be helpful," said J.B. Marano, president of the Council for Responsible Nutrition, a trade association for dietary supplement manufacturers.

United States Pharmacopeia is among ConsumerLab.com and is offering certification for a which troubles Jeff Asher, technical director of Consumer Reports. "Is it impossible to be unbiased?" he said. Fees at Con-

sumerLab range from \$2,000 to \$7,000. At NSF, fees range from \$5,000 to \$75,000. United States Pharmacopeia refused to reveal its fees.

Consumer Reports and the Good Housekeeping Institute are the only organizations that undertake the more costly testing for safety and efficacy. But they have investigated only a small fraction of the supplements on the market. Consumer Reports take no money. Good Housekeeping offers its seal only to those who agree to purchase an advertisement in its magazine.

Unlike NSF and United States Pharmacopeia, ConsumerLab.com, a for-profit business, chooses the products it wants to test and buys the supplements off the shelves. If a product passes the test, it may appear on the approved list on the company's Web site, www.consumerlab.com. Companies are not charged for this, but can ask to be included for a fee. Web site subscribers are entitled to a more comprehensive list of supplements for an annual fee of \$15.95.

Supplements that failed the test are not revealed. United States Pharmacopeia and NSF do not disclose the names of supplements that failed tests, either.

"Originally we did include those that did not pass," said Tod Cooperman, president of ConsumerLab, "but we got so bombarded by lawyers we could not do anything else and had to stop." Products that appear on its Web site are tested every three years, but products that carry the company's seal, for which a fee must be paid, are retested every year. The company does not test supplements which are known to be hazardous, like comfrey. In addition to testing for the principal ingredients, the company also tests for the presence of heavy metals and pesticides.

NSF, which began its program in July, is hired by manufacturers to test supplements provided by the company. It has already tested a few products and expects to certify between 25 and 50 shortly after the first of the year. Working with the companies, NSF evaluates the formula for the supplement and the

conditions under which it is manufactured. Accredited products will be audited once or twice a year.

Like ConsumerLab, it will not evaluate a supplement known to be hazardous. Unlike ConsumerLab, it does not test for the amount of time it takes a supplement to dissolve and disintegrate, important considerations that determine whether the consumer will actually get the full benefit of a mineral like calcium.

United States Pharmacopeia is the best known of the three certifiers, setting standards recognized by the Food and Drug Administration for 180 years. Some vitamins and minerals carry the letters USP on their labels, indicating they meet those standards. What many consumers don't realize, though, is that the use of the USP letters is based on self-certification. Neither United States Pharmacopeia nor the FDA tests the products to see if they are in compliance.

Now United States Pharmacopeia is going into the certification business. It plans to launch a program similar to the one at NSF.

There are some differences: United States Pharmacopeia, for

example, will test mineral supplements for dissolution and disintegration. The question that comes immediately to mind is how consumers will be able to distinguish the differences between the USP now on label and the certification mark that will begin to appear sometime next year.

Forouz Erti, vice president for United States Pharmacopeia's dietary verification program, said the USP certification mark will be quite different from the letters now in use. "There will be a very elaborate campaign to educate people about what the USP mark will mean," Erti said.

Despite the caveats, Asher of Consumer Reports says third-party certification is a step in the right direction. "If there is a seal from a reputable organization, on balance it's a good thing because purity and potency would be known even if people think it covers more."

But he likened it to the Underwriters Laboratory's UL seal on the electric cords attached to appliances. Most people assume the seal is a mark of quality assurance for the entire appliance, when actually it applies only to the cord.



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Say cheese with cake — the ultimate New York City dessert

BY RONNIE FEIN

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What better way to pay tribute to New York than with a gastronomic homage — in this case, cheesecake, the ultimate New York City dessert.

New Yorkers didn't invent cheese cake. As far back as ancient Rome, the nobles served this dish at festivals to tantalize the gods. Europeans have versions: Russian Paskha, Italian Crostata di Ricotta, to name but two.

But America's creamy, prodigiously rich version was made famous in New York, at Lindy's, the legendary theater district restaurant and one-time haunt of famous Broadway actors and actresses. New York cheesecake is dense and lavish enough even when unadorned.

Over the years, the plain, simple dessert has seen several incarnations, some with toppings, some with crust. Some are fruit-covered, others blended with chocolate or other flavorings.

We will show you how to make the simplest version, then build on the basic formula with an addition or two, so that if you wish, you can serve a more elaborate cake after dinner.

Finally, we will augment the formula with crust, chocolate and fruit to create a stunning dessert.

To make a better cheesecake start with a basic batter.

CHEESECAKE BATTER

2 teaspoons softened butter
1/3 cup graham cracker crumbs
1 1/2 pounds cream cheese
1 cup sugar
1 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
1/2 cup sour cream
1/3 cup whipping cream
4 eggs

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Spread butter on bottom and sides of a 9-inch springform pan. Sprinkle the inside of the pan with the graham cracker crumbs. Shake the pan to coat the bottom and sides of the pan completely.

Beat the cream cheese in a large bowl 1 to 2 minutes or until the cheese has softened and is smooth. Gradually add the sugar and vanilla and beat the ingredients with an electric mixer set on medium speed 2 to 3 minutes or until the mixture is smooth, scraping down the sides of the bowl occasionally with a rubber spatula.

Blend in the sour cream and whipping cream. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating after each addition to incorporate. Pour the batter into prepared pan. Place the springform pan inside a larger pan. Fill the larger pan with enough hot water to come

at least 1 inch up the sides of the baking dish. Bake for 70 minutes or until the top of the cake is tanning lightly. Remove the springform pan from the water and let the cake cool. When the cake has reached room temperature, refrigerate it at least 4 hours or until it is thoroughly chilled. Remove the sides of the pan to serve the cake.

Makes 8 to 12 servings.

NEW YORK CHEESECAKE

2 teaspoons butter
1/3 cup graham cracker crumbs
1 1/2 pounds cream cheese
1 cup sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/2 cup sour cream
1/3 cup whipping cream
4 eggs
2 tablespoons freshly grated lemon rind
1 1/2 tablespoons grated orange rind

Prepare the cheesecake batter (see batter recipe above), blending in the lemon and orange rinds with the last egg.

Makes 8 to 12 servings.

SNOW-TOPPED CASSIS CHEESECAKE

2/3 cup dried currants
1/3 cup Creme de Cassis
2 teaspoons butter

1/3 cup graham cracker crumbs

1 1/2 cups sour cream
1 cup sugar
1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/2 cup sour cream
1/3 cup whipping cream
4 eggs

For Snow Top:

2 cups sour cream
3 tablespoons sugar

Place the currants in a small bowl and pour in the Creme de Cassis. Let rest for at least 30 minutes.

Prepare the basic cheesecake batter, adding the currants at the end. Bake the cake for 60 minutes. Remove the cake from the oven.

Raise the oven temperature to 450 degrees.

Mix 2 cups sour cream with 3 tablespoons sugar. Place mixture on top of the cake, spreading it evenly. Remove the cake from the larger pan of water. Return the cake to the oven. Bake for about 8 minutes, until top is set.

Makes 8 to 12 servings.

CHOCOLATE-RASPBERRY CRUSTED CHEESECAKE

5 tablespoons melted butter
1 1/2 cups chocolate cookie crumbs
1/2 cup raspberry preserves
1 1/2 pounds cream cheese
1 cup sugar

1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

1/2 cup sour cream
1/3 cup whipping cream
4 eggs

10 ounces melted, cooled chocolate

1/4 cup seedless raspberry jam or currant jam

2 package fresh raspberries

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees.

Combine the melted butter and cookie crumbs and press onto the bottom and sides of a 9-inch springform pan. Bake 10 minutes, remove from the oven and let cool. Carefully spread the 1/2 cup preserves over the bottom of the crust.

Prepare the basic cheesecake batter, blending in the melted, cooled chocolate with the last egg. Before serving, melt the 1/4 cup of seedless

raspberries and save them. Brush the melted jam on top of the berries.

Makes 8 to 12 servings.

Ronnie Fein is the author of "The Complete Idiot's Guide to Cooking Basics" (MacMillan, third edition, \$16.95).

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